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18,903 registered voters in CNMI

» This year's number of registered voters may break the all-time high record of 18,914 during the 2018 election
» Friday is the last day to register
» 360 absentee voters so far

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As of 3:30pm yesterday, the Commonwealth Election Commission said there were 18,903 registered voters in the CNMI for the Nov. 8 general elections.

The number of registered voters for this year's election is only 12 voters shy to surpass the highest ever recorded of 18,914, which was during the 2018 elections.

Commonwealth Election Commission administrative specialist Ambrosio



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Joaquin "A.J." Lisua said yesterday that this Friday is the last day to register in order to

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

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- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

Johnson leaves Downing Street to offer resignation to queen



By **DANICA KIRKA and JILL LAWLESS**
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LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Boris Johnson left his Downing Street office for the last time on Tuesday before heading to Scotland to

formally offer his resignation so Liz Truss can succeed him.

The British leader, who announced his intention to step down two months ago, is expected to meet with the monarch in the late morning at her Balmoral estate to begin the

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Outgoing British Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaks outside Downing Street in London, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022 before heading to Balmoral in Scotland, where he will announce his resignation to Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

September is Chamorro and Carolinian Heritage Month



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To celebrate the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian heritage and culture, Gov. Ralph

DLG Torres signed a proclamation declaring the month of September as Chamorro and Carolinian Cultural Heritage Month during last Saturday's Labor Day celebration at the

Garapan Fishing Base.

The governor was joined in the proclamation signing by Carolinian Affairs executive assistant for John I. Tagabuel, See **HERITAGE** on **Page 4**

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres poses with first lady Diann, Carolinian Affairs executive assistant for John I. Tagabuel, and members of the Indigenous Affairs Office and the Carolinian Affairs Office after signing a proclamation making the month of September as the Chamorro and Carolinian Cultural Heritage Month during last Saturday's Labor Day celebration in Garapan Fishing Base.

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Local

DESPITE LIMITED BUDGET

MVA organizes, conducts several events, destination enhancements

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Even with A limited budget, the Marianas Visitors Authority was able to organize several events and conduct destination enhancement for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2022.

MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo recently informed the Senate and House of Representatives that for Fiscal Year 2022, MVA was provided an allocation of

\$2,019,803 from local funds and \$1,093,927 from the American Rescue Plan Act, for a total of \$3,113,730.

Iakopo in MVA's third quarter report for Fiscal Year 2022 disclosed that less 1% Office of the Public Auditor fee, MVA's operational budget for FY 2022 is \$3,082,593.

She said for the third quarter of FY 2022, they organized the Saipan Marathon last April 9, in which the participants came from the CNMI, Korea,

U.S. mainland, and Guam.

The managing director said as May was proclaimed as Tourism Month, they held different activities, including every Friday road-side waving.

Iakopo said activities were "Fit to Lead 5K" CNMI Tourism Month Fun Run on May 14, CNMI Tourism Month Logo Contest for students in May, and Tourism

Month Trash Clean-up at the Last Command Post in Marpi on May 28.



Iakopo

She said for the Tourism Month on Tinian, they held the "Tourist for A Day" educational field trip on May 19, "Best Island's Site Photo competition on May 27, and Operation

Clean-up at Tinian Swimming Hole and Kastiye Caves on

May 27 and 31, respectively.

Iakopo said for Rota Tourism Month, they held a Trash Clean-up at Songsong Village Roundhouse on May 21, and a Painting Workshop for students at the Rota H. Inos Jr. Senior High School cafeteria on May 21.

MVA held the Taste of the Marianas International food festival and beer garden at the Garapan Fishing Base on June 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26.

With respect to destination

enhancement, Iakopo said last June they repaired some of the pathways leading up to Kalabera Cave and the railings of the Bird Island Lookout parking lot with assistance from Parks and Recreation and the Department of Corrections.

Iakopo said MVA did a joint cleanup at the Paseo De Marianas with different government agencies and volunteers last June 13, 14, and 15, and also painted the railings on Airport Road last June.

\$50K bail set for man accused of pointing gun at taxi driver

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The Superior Court has imposed a \$50,000 cash bail on a man accused of pointing a gun at a taxi driver while allegedly trying to rob him.

During a bail hearing last week, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho imposed a \$50,000 cash bail on Leeroy Villagomez Jr, 18, for allegedly pointing a gun at a taxi driver and attempt-

ing to rob him in San Antonio last Aug. 2.

Villagomez is currently facing charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, attempted robbery, robbery, theft, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace.

Following his bail hearing, Camacho remanded Villagomez back to Department of Corrections custody and ordered him to return to court for a preliminary hearing on Sept. 7 at 10am while his ar-

raignment was set for Sept. 19 at 9am.

During his hearing, Villagomez was represented by assistant public defender Tyler Scott, while assistant attorney general Steve Kessel appeared in behalf of the government.

According to court documents, the victim told police that on Aug. 2, he picked up two males, Villagomez and a minor, and one minor female near the

Chalan Kanoa post office who asked to be dropped to Koblerville.

The victim said during the car ride, the two males started spewing profanities at him so he stopped in San Antonio to let them out of the car. He noted that he gave them back their money.

After, one of the male passengers, later identified as Villagomez, took out a gun and pointed it at the driver and asked for all his money.

The driver did not give him the money.

Later, the driver said he noticed that his cellphone was missing so he asked the passengers for his phone.

The victim said the two males proceeded to throw rocks at his car with one of the males throwing a rock that hit the back of the victim's head. The victim said he also saw the female passenger get in his car and try to hit him before he drove away.

After conducting an in-

terview with the minor, the minor male admitted to the police that he threw rocks at the driver's car and identified Villagomez as the person who was in possession of a gun, and who pointed it at the driver's head and demanded money.

The victim, without hesitation, positively identified Villagomez as the suspect who pointed the gun at him after police showed him a photo lineup that consisted of six photos of possible suspects.

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Habitual offender arrested for robbing tourists

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A habitual offender was arrested last week for allegedly robbing two tourists in Marpi.

Last week, Department of Public Safety officers arrested Ronald Ealy for robbing two tourists in Marpi last Aug. 29.

According to an official press release from DPS, at around 1:58pm last Aug. 29, the police department received a call reporting a robbery incident that took place in Marpi and officers were dispatched to the caller's location.

At around 2:06pm, DPS responding officers met with a rental car operator who stated that the victims, two tourists, were on their way.

Soon after, a couple arrived in the area in a rental vehicle. Officers noted that one of the victims, a female passenger, was in tears as she got out of the vehicle while the second victim, a male and the driver of the vehicle, was in shock and was not able to say much.

Police learned from the couple that they had stopped on the side of the road while heading to the Grotto because a red sedan kept honking at them from behind.

Then, after coming to a stop, the red sedan allegedly drove to the front of their rental vehicle and blocked their way.

The male victim told police that a male individual, later identified as Ealy, exited the vehicle from the driver's side of the sedan and walked toward their rented vehicle.

Ealy allegedly continued to walk toward the driver's side of the rental and repeatedly knocked on the window while yelling at the male victim to roll the window down.

Failing to get the male victim to open his window, Ealy allegedly proceeded to the passenger side of the rental vehicle where the window was rolled down halfway and demanded that the female victim roll the window down completely before reaching in and grabbing a bag in the middle of both victims.

After Ealy took the bag, he allegedly ran back to his sedan before speeding off, the victims said.

Fortunately the victims took a photo of the red sedan

and were able to describe their robber to police.

They described the robber as dark complected with a beard and a missing front tooth. Victims noted that he was wearing sunglasses, short pants, and a T-shirt.

At about 2:27pm, a police officer conducted a violator stop on a red Mazda 3 that matched the photo the victims took.

After the driver of the vehicle was secured, both victims were asked to identify the suspect and they both

positively identified Ealy as the suspect from the robbery.

Ealy has been arrested before for burglary. His last arrest was back in 2020 when he was arrested for stealing a hydraulic jack from a tire shop in Kagman.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ronald Ealy was arrested by police last week after robbing two tourists in Marpi.

CUC: Power interruption in Garapan today

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there will be emergency power service interruptions on Sept. 7, 2022 in Garapan as CUC continues its ongoing systems maintenance.

The first power service interruption time will be from 5:30am to 7:30am and areas affected are portions of Garapan from the Garapan Fishing Base to the former Tony Roma's Restaurant.

The second power service interruption time will be from 7am to 7:30am and areas affected are portions of Garapan from Paris Croissant, Smile Bar and Massage, Hafadai Saipan Store, Milk Tea and Coffee Shop.


The circuit affected is Kiya 3/Feeder 2 and there

is no water wells affected, while the lone wastewater facility affected is S4 Lift Station. CUC, however, said no wastewater customers will be affected.

The purpose of the power interruption is to allow CUC personnel to perform remedial and maintenance work on the underground primary riser cable and pad mount switchgear fronting the former Tony Roma's Restaurant in Garapan.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)


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Senate holds hearing on appointment of ex-IPI CEO to CUC board

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The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations recently held a public hearing on the appointment of Donald R. Browne to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors.

Browne is a former chief executive officer of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC. He now owns a business.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said if the Senate confirms his appointment, Browne would serve a four-year term



Browne

as CUC director, representing the Third Senatorial District, or Saipan and Northern Islands.

Torres recently informed Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) that he is confident that Browne's membership on the CUC board

is critical to ensure consistency and continuity in fulfilling the goals and objectives of CUC.

"I have very confidence that Mr. Browne will devote his time and efforts in the best interest of our people," said the governor as he urged the Senate to confirm the nomination.

Torres also separately told Brown

that he is confident that he is qualified and "will be an asset to this important board."

Browne had previously stated that he was no longer the CEO of IPI since Dec. 17, 2020. He used to serve as IPI's senior vice president for security and surveillance. IPI appointed him CEO effective July 17, 2020.

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members of the Indigenous Affairs Office, the Carolinian Affairs Office, CNMI government employees, and several members of the community.

As the month will be geared to highlighting the islands' roots and heritage, two notable dates will be Sept. 23, and 24, 2022, with Sept. 23 celebrating the 36th anniversary commemoration of the 13 Fishermen Lost at Sea and the following day as a dedication for all traditional *Maga'lahi* and *Samool* [the fathers or head of a clan] and also historical figure Chief Aghurubw.

The inception of the proclamation was to highlight, display, and celebrate the CNMI's culture, with the intention of promoting it to visitors and also preserving it for the children of generations to come. The proclamation also recognized the countless individuals who dedi-



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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs a proclamation declaring September as the Chamorro and Carolinian Cultural Heritage Month last Saturday during the Labor Day celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base.

cated their life to the preservation of the CNMI's heritage and culture, noting the labors of historical animistic chief and principal lord Ladahao, a *Maga'lahi*, respected leader, and fierce warrior, who had led his people in a brave battle to defend the island during Spanish invasion. He later lost his life because of it.

Torres encouraged all public and private sectors and organizations and all Chamorros and Carolinians to join in this month's celebration

of culture and life.

Torres stated in the proclamation "I invite and encourage our government and business sectors, especially our schools, hotels, and restaurants and other activities where our residents and visitors congregate, to facilitate cultural exhibits and performances. I urge the entire CNMI community to take this opportunity to celebrate our unique cultural heritage, through our attire, music, dance, language, and traditions."

VOTERS

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be eligible to vote for the Nov. 8 general elections.

Last June, there were 18,097 registered voters in the CNMI. CEC then kicked off series of voter registration drives in the villages on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to increase that number.

At the November 2020 general elections, CEC reported a total of

18,519 registered voters in the CNMI.

As this developed, as of yesterday CEC's absentee voter listing showed 360 absentee voters.

CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol earlier disclosed that they are frequently updating the list as registration continues to come in.

CEC commenced accepting request for absentee ballots last Aug. 25.

Oct. 14 is the deadline for application for absentee voting by electronic/mail.

JOHNSON

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transfer of power to Liz Truss.

Truss, who was named leader of the ruling Conservative party on Monday, will be appointed prime minister during her own audience with the queen a short time later.

Speaking outside No. 10 Downing Street, Johnson said his policies had given Britain the economic strength to help people weather the energy crisis, and he called on the Conservatives to unite behind Truss during the "tough time" facing the country. Then he signed off with his typically colorful language.

"I am like one of those booster rockets that has fulfilled its function," Johnson said. "I will now be gently re-entering the atmosphere and splashing down invisibly in some remote and obscure corner of the Pacific."

Johnson, 58, became prime minister three years ago after his predecessor, Theresa May, failed to deliver Britain's departure from the European Union. Johnson later won an 80-seat majority in Parliament with the promise to "get Brexit done."

But he was forced out of office by a series of scandals that culminated in the resignation of dozens of Cabinet secretaries and lower-level officials in early July. He alluded to that downfall in his leaving remarks, saying he was handing over the baton to Truss in "what has unexpectedly become a relay race."

While many observers expect Johnson to attempt a political comeback, he offered Truss his backing

and compared himself to Cincinnatus, the Roman dictator who relinquished power and returned to his farm to live in peace.

"Like Cincinnatus, I am returning to my plow," he said. "And I will be offering this government nothing but the most fervent support."

Johnson will formally step down shortly before noon when he meets Elizabeth at Balmoral, her summer retreat in Aberdeenshire.

This is the first time in the queen's 70-year reign that the handover of power is taking place at Balmoral, rather than at Buckingham Palace in London. The ceremony was moved to Scotland to provide certainty about the schedule because the 96-year-old queen has experienced problems getting around that have forced palace officials to make decisions about her travel on a day-to-day basis.

Truss, 47, takes office a day after the Conservative Party's 172,000 members elected her to lead their party.

On Tuesday afternoon, she is expected to make her first speech as leader of a nation of 67 million people who are anxious about soaring energy bills and a looming winter of recession and labor unrest. Those problems have festered for the past two months, because Johnson had no authority to make major policy decisions after announcing his plan to step down.

Speaking to Conservative party members on Monday, Truss promised to "deliver" on the economy, the energy crisis and the overstretched health care system, though she offered few specifics on her policies. On Sunday, Truss promised to unveil

her plans for tackling the cost-of-living crisis within a week.

Bronwen Maddox, director of the international affairs think tank Chatham House, said Truss will have to say "an awful lot more" to reach the wider electorate.

"Everything, every road, comes back to cost of living at this point," Maddox said. "And if she delivers, to use her word on that, then you might see the mood getting much more positive."

Many people in Britain are still learning about the person who will soon be their leader.

Unlike Johnson, who made himself a media celebrity long before he became prime minister, Truss rose quietly through the Conservative ranks before she was named foreign secretary, one of the top Cabinet posts, just a year ago.

Truss is under pressure to spell out how she plans to help people and businesses struggling to pay energy bills that are due to rise next month to 3,500 pounds (\$4,000) for the average household — triple the cost of a year ago.

During the leadership campaign, she promised help for people struggling to pay their bills, but declined to say what form the support would take.

The price spike, driven by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the after-shocks of COVID-19 and Brexit, has propelled U.K. inflation above 10% for the first time in four decades. The Bank of England forecasts it will hit 13.3% in October, and that the U.K. will tip into recession by the end of the year.

Train drivers, port staff, garbage

collectors, postal workers and lawyers have all staged strikes to demand that pay increases keep pace with inflation, and millions more, from teachers to nurses, could walk out in the next few months.

Truss, a low-tax, small-government conservative, says her priority is cutting taxes and slashing regulations to fuel economic growth. Critics say that will further fuel inflation while failing to address the cost-of-living crisis. The uncertainty has rattled money markets, driving the pound as low as \$1.15, its weakest performance against the dollar since the 1980s.

The first task for Truss will be to appoint a Cabinet to tackle the government's mountain of challenges.

Kwasi Kwarteng, who was business secretary in Johnson's government, is favorite to be named to the key job of Treasury chief. Like Truss, Kwarteng is a free-market advocate in the mold of 1980s Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. But the scale of the economic crisis may mean he and Truss have to quash their small-state instincts and spend billions to help people pay their bills.

Writing in the Financial Times on Monday, Kwarteng said a Truss government would "take immediate action ... to get families and businesses through this winter and the next." He, too, did not supply any details.

In theory, Truss has time to make her mark: She doesn't have to call a national election until 2024. But opinion polls already give the main opposition Labour Party a steady lead, and the worse the economy gets, the more pressure will grow.

Truss and her new Cabinet also face multiple foreign policy crises, including the war in Ukraine and frosty post-Brexit relations with the European Union.

As foreign secretary Truss was a firm supporter of Ukraine's resistance to Russian invasion, and as prime minister she will continue the U.K.'s civilian and military support for Kyiv. She has said her first phone call with a world leader will be to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

She has also pledged to boost U.K. defense spending from just over 2% to 3% of gross domestic product — another expensive promise.

She's likely to have much cooler conversations with EU leaders, who have been annoyed by Truss's uncompromising stance as foreign secretary in talks over trade rules for Northern Ireland, an unresolved Brexit issue that has soured relations between London and Brussels. With the U.K. threatening to breach the legally binding divorce treaty, and the EU launching legal action in return, the dispute could escalate into a trade war between the U.K. and the 27-nation bloc.

Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney expressed hope that, once in power, Truss will adopt a more moderate approach.

"A lot of the key decision makers are trying to reach out and give a signal to Liz Truss that if she decides to change course to a more positive one in terms of trying to find a sensible compromise with the EU, that we can find a way forward on this issue," he said.

Goodridge to host self-publishing secrets workshop

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Walt Goodridge is a Jamaican-born, Saipan-based author of over 24 books that includes several about the CNMI.



Want to be a writer? Do you have an idea for a book? Have you started a book but just can't seem to finish? Well, during an interactive three-hour workshop on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, local author, Walt Goodridge, will share step-by-step instructions on how to successfully start and complete your book project, overcome "writer's block," find the best and worst times to write, edit, layout and publish independently and even go from idea to sales in 24 hours or less.

"People will always find time for things that matter," Goodridge explains. "So, if you're procrastinating, it's because something about the self-publishing process or pay-off is either intimidating or not compelling enough to make it matter to you. This workshop will demystify the process and share from my own experience the profit and potential, and raise your belief level."

Goodridge is the Jamaican-born, Saipan-based author of over 24 books (including several about the CNMI). His books have been used as texts for university courses, and his ideas have been quoted in books by "Guerrilla Marketing" guru Jay Conrad Levinson, music industry pioneer

Chuck D, and other authors.

He's been featured in Time Magazine, Billboard, Entrepreneur, Wall St. Journal and other publications. He is the recipient of three Governor's Humanities Awards for (1) Preservation of CNMI History, (2) Research and Publications in the Humanities and as (3) Outstanding Humanities Teacher. He was an honoree by Senate Resolution #15-54 for his accomplishments within the CNMI, and is a local tour guide—achievements that all began with his decision to self-publish.

This unique "Write Like Walt" workshop—his first in-person workshop since the lockdown—will be held

on Saturday Sept/ 17, 2022, from 10am to 1pm, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Video Teleconference Room. Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops and arrive early (library doors open at 9:30am) for a pre-event Q&A. Admission is \$10. Thirty percent of admission proceeds will be donated directly to the library on the day of the event!

Seating is limited, so pre-registration is highly recommended. To register, and to see photos and success stories from past workshops, visit www.saipanwriters.com, email walt@saipanwriters.com or message via facebook.com/saipanwriters. (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DPL closed this Friday

The CNMI Department of Public Lands would like to inform the general public that the DPL office will be closed on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 for Staff Professional Development Day. The DPL office will resume normal operations on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022. (PR)

VA health care enrollment drive

On Sept. 14, 15, and 16, staff from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will visit the Saipan Veterans Affairs clinic to help all eligible veterans enroll in VA health care.

All veterans who may qualify should enroll, even if you don't plan on using the Veterans Affairs health care. Enrolling with Veterans Affairs is a service to our veteran community, because a larger pool of registered vets will help support more Veterans Affairs services in the Marianas.

The upcoming enrollment push is a result of the passage of the PACT Act I cosponsored securing access to life-saving care for the 3.5 million veterans exposed to deadly toxins in the line of duty. Learn more about eligibility here and contact your congressional offices on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for assistance. (PR)

Guam PTAC offers free webinar

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering a free webinar the following dates:

■ Sept. 7, 2022—How to invoice DOD - Department of Defense (DOD) vendors use the Wide-Area Work-

flow (WAWF) module in the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (PIEE) system to create, submit, and track their invoices. We will show you how to setup an account and submit an invoice so you get paid on time.

■ Sept. 15, 2022—Capabilities Statement - Marketing is an important part of government contracting. The Guam PTAC will show you how to create an effective Capabilities Statement you can use to market your business to government contracting officials as well as prime contractors and potential teaming partners. *This is an in-person

workshop at the GCA Trades Academy in Tiyan.

■ Sept. 21, 2022—Responding to Requests for Proposals - The Guam PTAC will walk participants through the common sections and clauses of an RFP as well as provide tips on developing a proposal in response to an RFP.

■ Sept. 28, 2022—Government of Guam Procurement - The Guam PTAC will explain Government of Guam Procurement, where to find opportunities, and how to submit bids.

To register, please visit: <https://www.guamptac.com/news-and-events.php>. (PR)

DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES CNMI GOVERNMENT

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS
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SAN ANTONIO WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of San Antonio Waterline Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline and lateral service line; connection to the existing waterline; relocation of water meters from private property to right-of-way, installation of gate valve assembly, air release valves, fire hydrant assembly, flush hydrants; existing lateral service tap relocation; restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-22-032, San Antonio Water Line Replacement Project"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 15, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond **must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety**. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email at manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Ms. Alley Reyes, Project Engineer – via email at alley.reyes@cucgov.org and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Purchasing Technician Senior – via email at marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

United Airlines Direct Flights Return

PHOTOS By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES



United Airlines staff greet incoming passengers of United's inaugural flight from Narita, Japan to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport last Friday morning.



Japanese visitors go through Transportation Security Administration checkpoints following their arrival on Saipan at the Saipan International Airport last Friday morning.



Department of Public Safety commissioner Robert Guerrero, left, and Department of Correction commissioner Wally Villagomez, far right, smile as they disembark United Airlines' inaugural flight from Narita, Japan to Saipan at the Saipan International Airport last Friday morning.



Japanese visitors receive a warm welcome after disembarking United Airlines' inaugural flight from Narita, Japan to Saipan at the Saipan International Airport last Friday morning.



Japanese visitors receive a warm welcome after disembarking United Airlines' inaugural flight from Narita, Japan to Saipan at the Saipan International Airport last Friday morning.

CNMI COVID-19 Task Force chair Warren Villagomez smiles as he gets off United Airlines' inaugural flight from Narita, Japan to Saipan at the Saipan International Airport last Friday morning.



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United Airlines staff, Commonwealth Ports Authority board members, and members of the CNMI administration pose for a photo after greeting incoming passengers from United Airlines' inaugural flight from Narita, Japan to Saipan at the Saipan International Airport last Friday morning.

Triton Annual Fund calls on UOG alumni to 'Invest It Forward'

"Tritons Invest It Forward" is the theme for the inaugural year of a newly established fund under the University of Guam Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. The Triton Annual Fund is calling upon UOG alumni, their family members, and all friends of the university to invest in the next generation of UOG graduates and the betterment of the community through donations, sponsorships, and other activities.

"For 70 years, UOG has played a vital role in developing our island's professional workforce, understanding and solving issues that affect our region, and engaging with the community. This fund will be an important means of securing resources that aren't covered by government or general operations funding and will make these things possible on a greater scale," said Norman Analista, director of development, alumni affairs, and foundation relations.

Over the year-long campaign, the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs will be reaching out to graduates, parents, and friends of UOG electronically, through direct mail, and by phone to generate support for the fund.



UOG University of Guam president Thomas W. Krise, left, and senior vice president and provost Anita Borja Enriquez, right, with the 2022 UOG Distinguished Alumni Award winners, from left, Carol Hinkle-Sanchez, Esq., College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; Jackie Quitugua, School of Education; Antonnette Merur, School of Health; and Mika Caldwell, School of Business and Public Administration. The awards ceremony was held Aug. 27 at the Hyatt Regency Guam.



UOG Norman Analista, director of development, alumni affairs, and foundation relations for the University of Guam, announces the launch of the Triton Annual Fund at the 2022 UOG Distinguished Alumni Awards on Aug. 27 at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

Supporters can donate in any amount to the school, college, or program of their choice or can make a general donation to the Annual Fund, where it will be used to support the university's greatest needs related to enriching student learning and campus life.

Supporters can also become a President's Club or President's Club Elite member with a \$1,000 or \$7,000 donation, respectively. These memberships come with benefits, including complimentary access to the Triton



UOG Cathleen Moore-Linn, executive director of the Research Corpora

Fitness Center and UOG athletic events and reserved seating at select university events.

The launch was held during the 2022 UOG Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony on Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

"I have seen so many students and graduates of the University of Guam thrive, including the four graduates in my own family," said Cathleen Moore-Linn, executive director for the Research Corporation of the University of Guam and one of the first donors to contribute to the campaign, at the ceremony. "My family recognizes the positive impact UOG graduates have on our community, our families, and in our businesses."

Donors may learn more about the Triton Annual Fund and make a contribution at www.uog.edu/advancement/giving/annual-fund.

For more information about making an annual gift to the University of Guam, please contact Advancement Associate Hazel Estrellado at estrelladoh@triton.uog.edu, Advancement Associate Charlene Mendoza at amadoc@triton.uog.edu, or Director of Development, Alumni Affairs, and Foundation Relations Norman Analista at analistan@triton.uog.edu. (PR)

UOG to study health of honey bees in Marianas

The University of Guam is interested in collecting feral honey bee colonies to conduct research on the health of honey bees throughout the Mariana Islands.

The research involves doing a survey of honey bee colonies throughout Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam for the National Honey Bee Survey funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Honey bees contribute between \$15 and \$18 billion dollars to the value of the agricultural industry nationally due to their pollination efforts. It is imperative to have a healthy pollinator supply if we wish to

continue to produce pollinator dependent fruit, nuts and vegetables in this country.

The National Honey Bee Survey started on Guam in 2014 to look at the health of honey bees colonies. As it turns out, honey bee colonies have turned out to be disease free and no infestations of parasites.

Aside from the National Honey Bee Survey conducted on Guam, subsequent surveys were done in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In 2014, Varroa mite was detected on Saipan and Tinian. Feral and domestic colonies in Saipan and Tinian that tested positive for mites

during the first three years of survey placed above the national average Varroa load in 2014 and 2016. Although the Varroa mite is present in Saipan and Tinian, there is no evidence of deformed wing virus in those islands currently.

UOG researchers need help to find out if honeybee colonies found throughout Saipan have any diseases that may be harmful to bees. Please call 671-487-1640 or email rosarioc1640@gmail.com to report any wild bee colonies. (UOG)

\$1.3 million in tax refunds paid in Guam

HAGATNA, Guam—On Sept. 1, 2022, the Department of Revenue & Taxation processed and the Department of Administration mailed checks, or paid by direct deposit, approximately 431 Tax Year 2021 and prior income tax refunds totaling \$1,323,414.15 for error-free returns filed on, or before, Aug. 20, 2022.

Refunds paid to date total \$187.1 million, of which approximately \$161.2 million (86%) were for TY 2021. Refund payments continue to be processed weekly and now

within two weeks of filing.

The department noted that individuals receiving payment by direct deposit will see a \$0 transaction in their bank account prior to receiving their refunds.

For more information or questions, contact the DRT Call Center at 635-1840/1841/7614/7651/1813. Due to high call volumes, DRT recommends utilizing the "Contact Us" section on myguamtax.com or email pinadmin@revtax.guam.gov. (PR)

» 52,400 filers for Tax Year 2021 paid to date

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Losing time: Declining life expectancy is an indictment of American society



Not for a hundred years has there been such a pronounced drop in U.S. life expectancy, from 79 years in 2019 to 76 just two years later, in 2021, according to federal researchers. It's easy to chalk this up entirely to the impact of COVID, and the virus was certainly the main culprit, but it would be wrong to suggest this dismaying trend is the result merely of forces out of our collective hands.

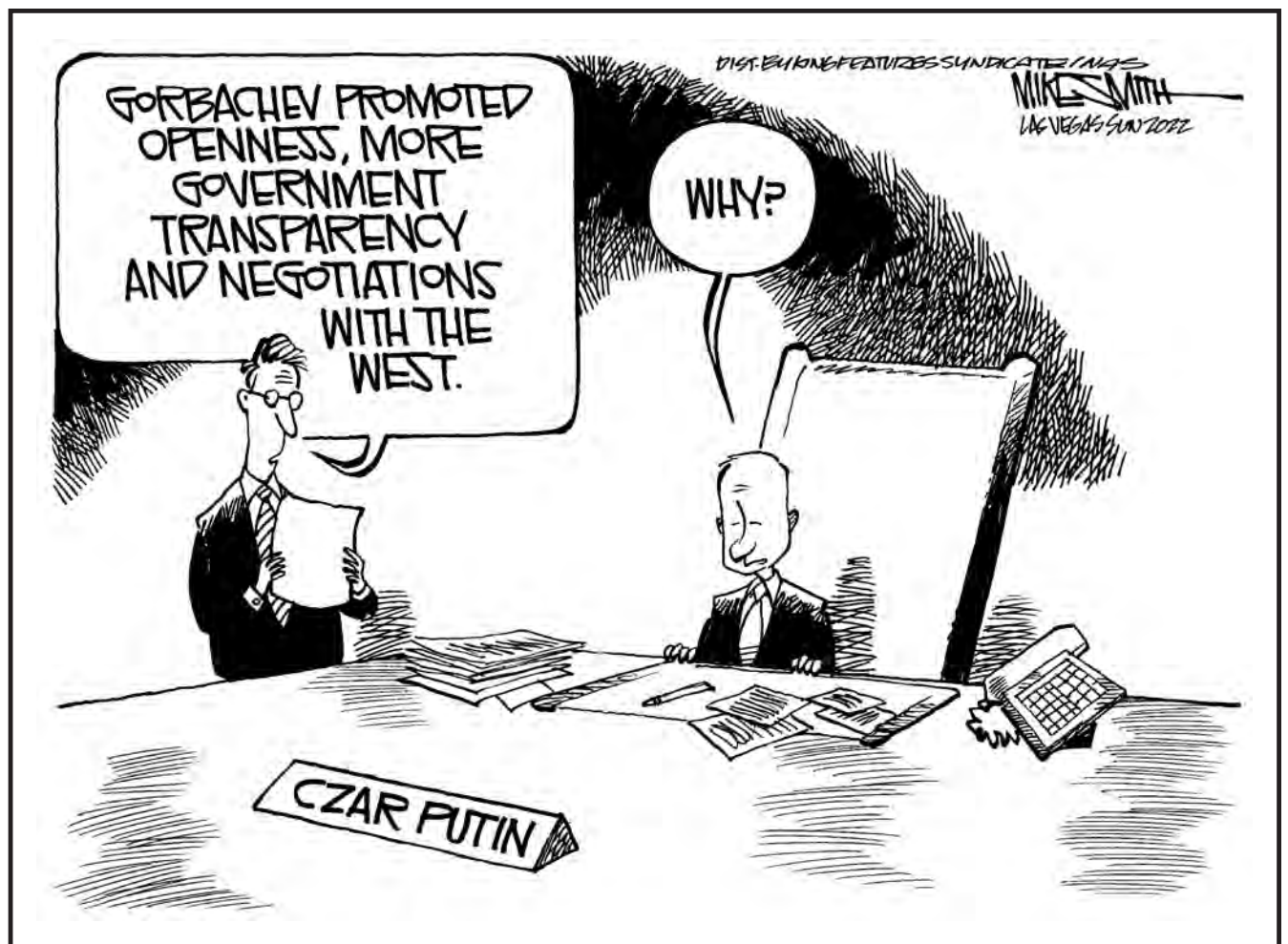
The whole world was hit by the virus. But while most of our peers in Europe, Asia and Oceania have started recovering since the shock of the pandemic's first year, America's life expectancy has kept declining, with the downturn especially precipitous among Native American and Alaska Native communities, who've lost a staggering six-and-a-half years of expected life, bringing them down to just 65.

For reference, the average person in Portugal, a country with a per-capita GDP about a third the United States', could expect to live five years longer than the average American, and 16 years longer than the average Native American.

It's worth remembering that U.S. life expectancy had been plateauing or even dropping for years before this virus struck, driven by obesity, drug overdoses, suicide and chronic health conditions like heart disease. Some consider these problems mere personal failings, but they're downstream of policy—a needlessly inefficient and expensive health care system, a longtime punitive response to drug dependency and a work culture that looks down on sick days and time off, among other things. COVID just made it all worse.

This news should come as a wake-up call that, after decades of progressively longer, happier, healthier and more

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A Ukrainian nuclear plant is under attack. We can't risk another Chernobyl

The Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, Europe's largest, lies along the Dnieper River in southeastern Ukraine. After Russian forces brutally invaded Ukraine six months ago, they gained control of the nuclear facility early in the fighting. They based soldiers and heavy equipment there and have been using the plant as a defensive shield, lobbing shells from there and hoping Ukrainians would not risk hitting one of the six power units by counterattacking.

But Russian officials say Ukraine has now fired back. As Ukrainian workers continue to operate the plant amid the shelling, the whole world should be afraid about the risk of a radiation leak and the possibility of a reactor core meltdown.

Ukraine's recent history holds an important lesson for us about what's at stake. On April 26, 1986, the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine suffered a massive explosion and meltdown.

I learned devastating details about the Chernobyl disaster from a control room engineer named Oleg during a trip to Ukraine in August 1990. Some 100 Americans and an equal number of Soviet citizens—Russians and Ukrainians—came together for a peace mission, visiting cities from Kyiv to Odesa that had been completely shut off during the Cold War because of nuclear and other military weapons production in the region.

The first evening in Kyiv, Oleg, the engineer from Chernobyl, gave a talk after dinner. He said he had been ordered to report to the plant's control room immediately after the early morning explosion. "We were told to contain emissions but were not given protective clothing, even though a large and growing cloud—no doubt radiation vapor—hung over the facility," he said.

"We engineers knew a meltdown had already begun," Oleg continued, then paused and hung his head before saying that many of the 250 people who worked on early cleanup efforts had died within months. "I have cancer and will not see next year," he concluded. After a collective gasp, the room went silent.

Later, Oleg sat with a small group of Americans and answered questions. The next morning, he took a few of us to meet some of his friends from Chernobyl who had been brought to Kyiv.

We drove to a Stalinist-era concrete block apartment building, which Oleg called "a high-rise research laboratory with human guinea pigs." He said keeping survivors together helped doctors and scientists track and measure the advancement of radiation sickness, such as skin lesions, cancers of the mouth, throat and thyroid. "The callousness made me feel ill."

Many survivors we visited said they had returned to Chernobyl to retrieve clothing, furniture and other household goods,

By **JANE OLSON**
Los Angeles Times

Jane Olson is author of the memoir *World Citizen: Journeys of a Humanitarian*, and former chair of the international board of directors at Human Rights Watch.



clearly not understanding radiation exposure or its duration. After that revelation, I stood rather than sitting on a chair or sofa out of fear the furniture had nuclear contamination, as we visited family after family. Some showed us photos they had taken of Chernobyl's destruction.

Since this year's invasion of Ukraine began, Russia has revealed military ineptness and poor leadership. By placing troops at Zaporizhzhia, it also demonstrates ignorance. Do Russian leaders not realize that prevailing winds blow from west to east? Nuclear radiation particles and vapor would head toward Russia. Have they forgotten that deadly contamination from Chernobyl fell on Belarus?

A team from the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency, which has been monitoring radiation levels at Zaporizhzhia, arrived Monday in Ukraine to inspect the plant, where power lines have already been disrupted and water pipelines have been damaged in the fighting. The agency has no authority to enforce a cease-fire, but must insist that all military activities cease immediately to protect the plant, before we experience another Chernobyl, or worse.

Russian President Vladimir Putin should remember another important lesson from history. The Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, and President Mikhail Gorbachev stepped down. Gorbachev, who died Tuesday, later wrote that Chernobyl was "perhaps the main cause" of the Soviet Union's fall, after he was accused of attempting to cover up the nuclear meltdown.

More than 5,660 civilians have been killed in Ukraine since Russia's invasion, and more than 8,000 have been injured, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. If we fail to learn from Chernobyl's aftermath, the death count and destruction could grow dramatically, and a vast region encompassing Ukraine, Russia and other parts of Europe could be rendered unlivable for generations.

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What I needed was a rest break on the Island of Grieving and Useless Folks

In January, my husband blindsided me with divorce. Not for a moment during the prior 36 years did I doubt that we would spend the rest of our lives together. It was clear to everyone that we were meant to be—bashert, as my Jewish friends would say.

After my husband made his announcement, I could not eat or sleep. On those rare occasions when I did sleep, I would wake up confused, asking myself if this was really happening. I sobbed constantly. I sobbed in public. I don't mean I cried; I sobbed. And I couldn't stop. Everyone I know has now seen me sob. Strangers have not been left out either. When the cashier at Target asked me how my day was, let's just say she probably regretted it.

I was fully aware of the irony, a professional humorist who can't stop sobbing.

About three months after my husband had moved out, I spotted him in Costco. I smiled, yelled out his name and went toward him with outstretched arms. Then I suddenly remembered that we were getting divorced. "I guess I will always be happy to see you," I said, feeling somewhat sheepish.

It took me several months to tell friends and family what had happened. I saw their pained faces as they heard the news, and their terrified faces as they watched me sob. My visible grief made them feel uncomfortable. I don't blame them.

I did not realize last January that I had entered the World of Grief, a territory that no one chooses. I always assumed grief was like extreme sadness or depression, but it went on a little longer. That's like saying a tsunami is like a big wave, but a little bigger. It's impossible to imagine the full body grief experience before being knocked down by it, repeatedly pummeled by the constant waves that follow.

In March, I closed the nonprofit that I had co-founded, and

which was about to be launched. I backed out of jobs knowing I would not be able to do them well, if at all. I did not recognize this new nonfunctioning version of myself, but I had to make room for her.

I fantasized about a place for people like me, the Island of Grieving and Useless Folks. Meals would be served. There would be live Irish music concerts, during which the entire audience would be allowed to sob. No one would try to make anybody feel better. There would be dogs, many dogs. They, of course, always make us feel better.

Before I started fantasizing about imaginary islands, I would have described myself as capable, bordering on fearless. But for seven months, grief took away my confidence that I could survive in this world, that I could take care of myself, let alone others. I felt I had nothing to offer anymore. Because my grief had been triggered by someone's choice and not an unavoidable act of nature, I began to doubt everything I once thought to be true: loyalty, love, trust. Did these qualities exist? Is this what a dystopian society feels like?

With the help of friends and family, I kept going despite not wanting to. There are some things we can—but should not—do alone, and grieving is definitely one of them.

A month ago, I moved into a new home. I had been praying for a sanctuary with trees and bees, a place where I could heal. After I heard this place was coming on the market, I drove by and heard birds singing. I rented it without ever seeing the inside.

My next-door neighbor has a puppy that she lets me play with. Another neighbor brings me homemade rye bread, straight out of the oven, still warm. The neighbor across the street makes me zucchini muffins; her daughter recently made me candles. I hear birds chirping every day, and squirrels scampering on my roof.

By **FIROOZEH DUMAS**

Los Angeles Times



Firoozeh Dumas is the author of Funny in Farsi and It Ain't So Awful, Falafel and recently wrote her first screenplay. Her nerd dream came true last month when she was a clue on Jeopardy!

(I hope they're not rats. That would be so much less charming.)

The property managers keep asking if there is anything else they can do for me. Who does that? Did I mention that during the walk-through, the first time they met me, I sobbed?

When my kids were little, they took swimming lessons at the YWCA. There was a sign by the pool that counted the days "without fecal contamination." We never saw it get past 13. I now count the days I go without crying. I haven't reached double digits yet, but laughter has slowly returned to my life. I am beginning to understand that grief never leaves, but it fades and makes room for other experiences.

Aside from the outpouring of kindness from friends, family, strangers and animals, one realization helped me more than all else: I came to understand that the depth of grief is equal to one's capacity to love. There is no shame in grieving. Au contraire. We should hold dear those who grieve, for they are also the ones who love fiercely. I will never apologize for sobbing in public because of a shattered heart. That heart loved deeply. And for as long as I am alive, I will make space for those who grieve.

I am now that island for grieving and useless souls.

Mental health and wellness practice for today's elected officials

Being an elected official today takes an extraordinary level of courage. And it's taking a toll on the mental health of our elected officials. A small cadre of brave people, part of a project called the Elected Leaders Collective, is supporting leaders in doing their work in a healthier way, bringing tools of mental well-being to the arena. Too many heart-led elected officials are dropping out when we need them to stay in and change the system. With new tools of personal inquiry, transformation and empowerment, we can make it happen.

Let me share how I found this calling. I was bright-eyed and energetic, with a keen intellect and servant's soul. Passion oozed from my core. A voracious reader, I consumed endless books on policy, learned every theory and studied the greats. I learned in the field, volunteered for campaigns and causes, became a state delegate, and took leadership seminars. I did all the external work that was expected of me. I applied these talents by running a statewide race at just 23 years old. I was idealistic and thought I would change the world.

Then reality struck. Someone tried to sell a Senate seat: moral decay. Social media screamed at me: public hate. Entrenched interests in my own party slowed progress: nihilism. A can't-do attitude pervaded: apathy. Ward bosses operated like mob bosses: a toxic culture. Privately I battled my own demons, as years of childhood trauma ran the programming deep in my brain. I pointed my finger at others, blaming them for the world's failings. I numbed the pain with workaholism, food, alcohol and drugs.

The liquid of ecstatic possibility turned to cement structures that would not change.

Though I did not know it at the time, I could not hold the toxicity inside me and that in the system. I dropped out and took with me my passion, zeal and force for change. All the books had been for nothing. The light at the end of the tunnel of democracy dimmed.

For the next eight years, I worked on healing, conquering addiction, and reforming my relationship with food, alcohol, work and sleep. I looked inward, understanding the lessons my traumas were here to teach me. Like an archaeologist, I uncovered my life's purpose and operationalized structures, boundaries and a community to support it. This was the start of my internal work, work that I knew never ends. Having been elected as a city councilperson at 32 years young, I could apply my internal and external learning to giving back to my community.

Then reality came again. Hate poured in on social media; I listened to understand. The newspaper traded in misinformation; I spoke the truth and cultivated personal advice. People confronted me at the farmer's market; I met them with kindness. Colleagues sought incrementalism, and I trusted in our collective wisdom and supported them. Working two jobs, I experienced stress and became overwhelmed, meeting people with curiosity, cultivating mindfulness. I experienced all this, taking radical responsibility and asking, "What can I do to alleviate the condition I claim not to want?"

The cement began to liquefy and possibilities opened.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I committed my life to "healing our politics." I founded the Elected Leaders Collective. We help heart-centered leaders of all kinds find their own, personal transformation. Working with a community of over 100 elected leaders across the country we co-create safe, sacred, confidential space for mission-driven public-sector leaders.

Everyone needs a community to support them, so we built "The Pride," our signature peer cohort group coaching program. We provide courses, workshops, coaching and small-group work to help leaders remove our internal blocks, build resilience, and get out of our own way, as I had to learn over all those years in the wilderness.

By **SKIPPY MESIROW**

The Fulcrum



Skippy Mesirow is the founder of the Elected Leaders Collective.

Our politics is toxic, and it need not be. We can change our collective condition by changing our individual conditions. It takes all of us. And it works.

Myriad scientific studies confirm the efficacy of mindfulness, mindset work and other methodologies we employ. Consider Google's Search Inside Yourself corporate wellness project, which found that applying techniques of workplace mindfulness reduced the experience of burnout by 30% and increased resilience and "bounce back" by 42%. In this same research, acts of constructive empathy rose by 39%, co-worker compassion grew by 22% and, as a result, finding "workable solutions to difficult problems" improved by 22%. Imagine what we could accomplish in the public trust with 22% more solutions to difficult problems and feeling 39% more empathy from our co-workers. I want to live in that world.

As a result of doing the work, elected leaders and public servants' lives are improving.

During the great resignation, we aren't dropping out, we are dropping in. We are experiencing a decline in stress and anxiety. Our feeling of connectedness and trust is increasing. We are becoming more effective. We are healing our politics by healing ourselves. It has happened to me. My days of stress per year are down from over 300 to under 30, my anxiety is down 70% in two and a half years, and our community is passing transformational legislation, deferred for nearly a generation.

This is the beginning. We welcome all heart-centered leaders. We are building something new, together. Diversity of all kinds, including thought, is celebrated, and you are welcome.

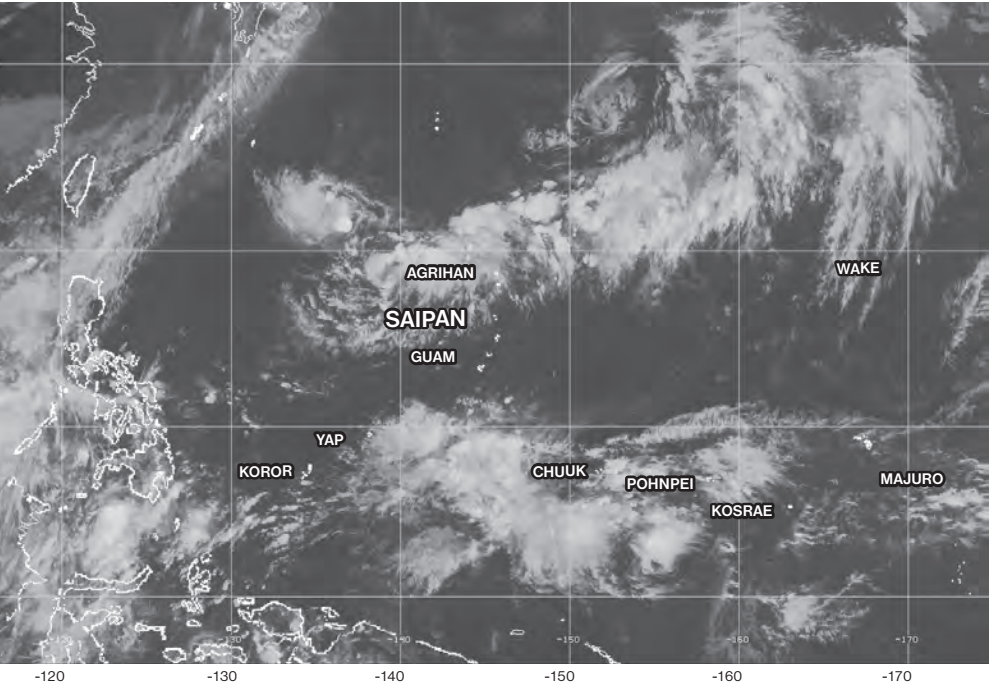
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prosperous lives, we're backsliding. It's especially disturbing that so many of the climbing causes of mortality—including suicide and drug use—are so-called deaths of despair. Some solutions, like choosing to get the new COVID boosters for the omicron variant, will fall on us as individuals. Others are on us as a society. Long live a coherent policy program to help us all live longer.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers within the Marianas Waters. The buoys reveal combined seas of 4 to 6 feet composed of a 2 to 3 foot trade-wind swell and a 4 foot west-northwest swell from distant Typhoon Hinnamnor.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	87° / 79°	
Palau	Scattered Thunderstorms	84° / 75°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Scattered Thunderstorms	87° / 77°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	83° / 79°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:05 AM	6:25 PM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:24 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:23 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:22 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:22 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	2:26 AM	4:00 PM
Thursday	-	3:31 AM	4:54 PM
Friday	-	4:36 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	-	5:36 AM	6:28 PM
Sunday	-	6:34 AM	7:09 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	59° / 47°	
Beijing	Sunny	91° / 60°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°	
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	87° / 76°	
London	Showers	71° / 59°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	94° / 73°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	91° / 78°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	67° / 54°	
Miami	Rain	89° / 79°	
New York	Showers	73° / 66°	
Osaka	Cloudy	88° / 75°	
Paris	Showers	76° / 59°	
Busan	Mostly Sunny	83° / 68°	
Rome	Thunderstorms	89° / 73°	
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	88° / 72°	
San Francisco	Sunny	83° / 59°	
Seoul	Sunny	81° / 60°	
Tokyo	Rain	85° / 75°	
Washington, DC	Rain	83° / 68°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
3:23 AM	Low Tide	1.86	
11:04 AM	High Tide	-0.21	
6:31 PM	Low Tide	1.95	
11:48 PM	High Tide	1.30	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2022							
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6	UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily	PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau	UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
				UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
				UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	Daily	7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6	7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6	TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:00PM	6:20PM	3, 7	7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7	BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS									
INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022									
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			TINIAN TO SAIPAN						
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY				
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)	7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)				
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.		10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.					
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)	4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)				
SAIPAN TO ROTA			ROTA TO SAIPAN						
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY				
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.		9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.					
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.		2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.					
SAIPAN TO GUAM			GUAM TO SAIPAN						
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY				
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.		12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.					
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.		6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.					

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.									
FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022									
SAIPAN TO ROTA				ROTA TO SAIPAN					
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY		
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily	3101	9:30	10:00	Daily		
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun		
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun	3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri		
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily	3103	16:30	17:00	Daily		
ROTA TO GUAM				GUAM TO ROTA					
LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY		
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri		
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY		
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily	2102	8:30	8:45	Daily		
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily	2103	9:30	9:45	Daily		
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily	2104	10:30	10:45	Daily		
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily	2108	14:30	14:45	Daily		
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily	2109	15:30	15:45	Daily		
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily	2110	16:30	16:45	Daily		
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily	2111	17:30	17:45	Daily		

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Business

China locks down 65 million, discourages holiday travel

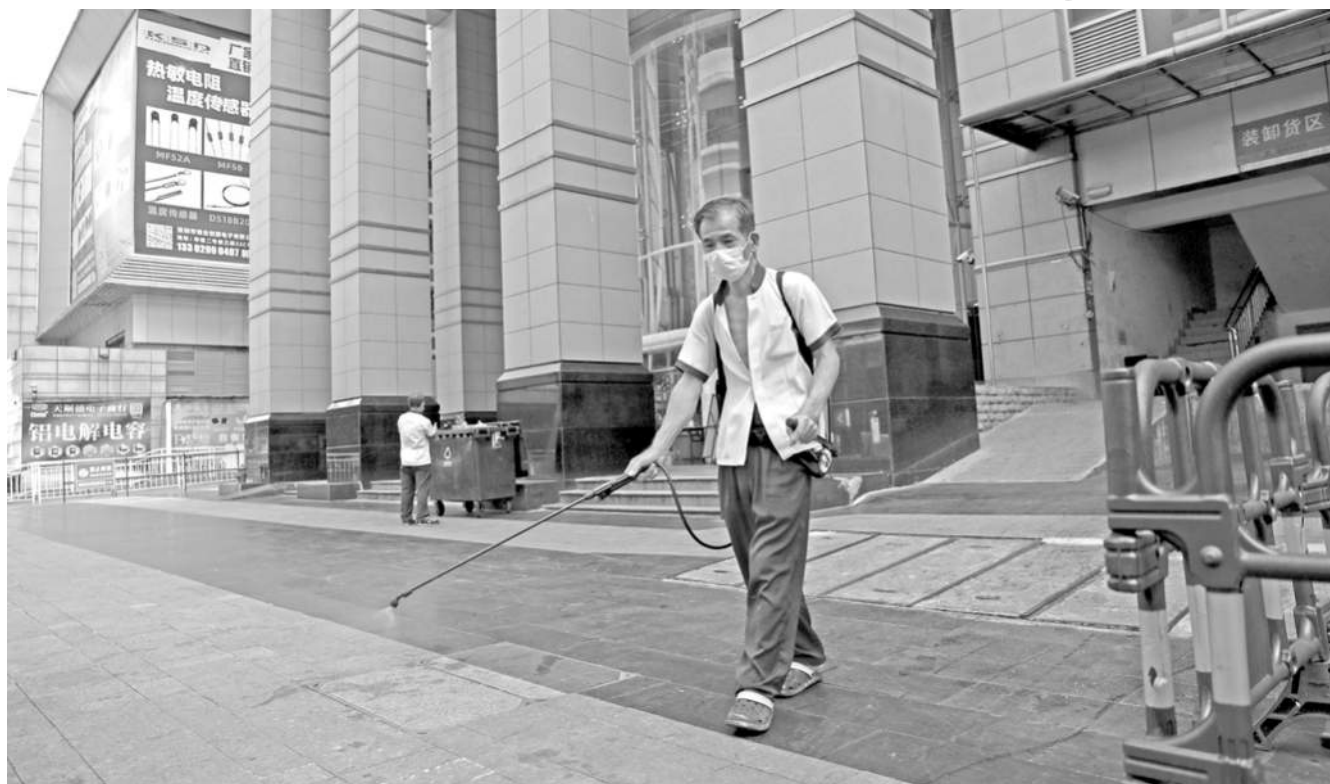
BEIJING (AP)—China has locked down 65 million of its citizens under tough COVID-19 restrictions and is discouraging domestic travel during upcoming national holidays.

Across the country, 33 cities including seven provincial capitals are under full or partial lockdown covering more than 65 million people, according to a tally published late Sunday by the Chinese business magazine Caixin.

It said that outbreaks have been reported in 103 cities, the highest since the early days of the pandemic in early 2020.

Despite a relatively low number of infections, authorities have adhered to a “zero-COVID” policy requiring lockdowns, quarantines and the confining of people suspected of being in close contact with any confirmed case.

China recorded 1,552 new cases in the latest 24-hour period across a nation of 1.4 billion people, the National Health Commission reported Monday.



AP
A worker sprays disinfectant around the shuttered Huaqiangbei Electronics Market following the coronavirus outbreak in Shenzhen in south China's Guangdong province on Sept. 3, 2022.

the virus, first detected in the central Chinese city of Wuhan in late 2019.

The fear of being caught in a lockdown or sent to a quarantine facility for even being in proximity with a person who tested positive has severely constrained people's work, socializing and travel habits.

Since the outbreak began, China has placed tens of millions of people under lockdowns that have been strictly enforced, sometimes preventing residents from obtaining food, health care and basic necessities.

A more than five-week closure of Shanghai, China's largest city and key financial hub, in the spring upended the local economy, prompted protests and led to an exodus of foreign residents.

Most of the 21 million people in the southwestern city of Chengdu are confined to their apartments or residential complexes, while in the eastern port city of Tianjin, classes have been moved on-

line after 14 new cases were reported, all but two showing no symptoms.

Chengdu lifted the lockdown for about 1 million people in Qionglai city and Xinjin district, two areas in its

southwest. Three more rounds of mass testing are being held through Wednesday, and schools remain closed with all classes online.

Sept. 10-12 is China's mid-autumn festival, the country's second-most important

holiday after the Lunar New Year. The anti-virus measures have taken a major toll on the economy, travel and society in general, but China's ruling Communist Party says they are necessary to prevent a wider spread of

Medicaid extensions for new moms grow, may run into limits

By TOM MURPHY
AP HEALTH WRITER

States around the country are making it easier for new moms to keep Medicaid in the year after childbirth, a time when depression and other health problems can develop.

But tight government budgets and the program's low reimbursement may ultimately limit this push or make it hard for women with extended coverage to find doctors.

“A lot of things have changed since the pandemic,” said Venessa Aiken, a new mom in Orlando, Florida. “A lot of places no longer take

Medicaid or if they do, you have to wait like two months before you can be seen.”

Many women enroll in government-funded Medicaid health insurance when they become pregnant, because qualifying income levels are higher than for women who aren't pregnant. The federal government requires states to maintain that coverage for 60 days postpartum, or after the baby arrives. After that, moms in many states lose the coverage unless their income levels are extremely low.

Since the spring, 23 states and Washington, D.C., have said they will extend that coverage for a full year postpar-

tum. Several more states are planning to do so.

These extensions will start helping people after the federal government's COVID-19 public health emergency ends because states are required to keep patients enrolled during the emergency. It currently will extend at least into early next year.

The push to extend coverage has grown to include both conservative and liberal-leaning states. It also is endorsed by President Joe Biden's administration as a way to improve equality: Postpartum mortality rates can be much higher among Black and American-Indian or Alaskan Native populations.

OPEC+ makes small trim to world oil supplies as prices fall

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—OPEC and allied oil-producing countries, including Russia, made a small trim in their supplies to the global economy Monday, underlining their unhappiness as recession fears help drive down crude prices—along with the cost of gasoline, to drivers' delight.

The decision for October rolls back a mostly symbolic increase of 100,000 barrels per day in September. It follows a statement last month from Saudi Arabia's energy minister that the OPEC+ coalition could reduce output at any time.

Oil producers such as Saudi Arabia have resisted calls from U.S. President Joe Biden

to pump more oil to lower gasoline prices and the burden on consumers. OPEC+ has stuck with only cautious increases to make up for deep cuts made during the COVID-19 pandemic, which were finally restored in August.

Since then, growing worries about slumping future demand have helped send oil prices down from June peaks of over \$120 per barrel, cutting into the windfall for OPEC+ countries' coffers but proving a blessing for drivers in the U.S. as pump prices have eased.

The supply cut for October is only a small fraction of the 43.8 million barrels per day under OPEC+ production goals, but wrong-footed several ana-

lysts' predictions of no change in output. Oil prices jumped after the announcement.

U.S. crude rose 3.3%, to \$89.79 per barrel, while international benchmark Brent was up 3.7%, to \$96.50, after the decision.

The amount of oil per day “may seem negligible, but the message from today's cut is clear: OPEC+ thinks they've fallen enough,” Columbia University energy policy expert Jason Bordoff tweeted.

Oil prices have gyrated in recent months: Recession fears have pushed them down, while worries of a loss of Russian oil because of sanctions over its invasion of Ukraine pushed them up.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Macron urges French to save energy, seeks 10% drop in use

PARIS (AP)—French President Emmanuel Macron is calling for a sharp 10% reduction in the country's energy use in coming weeks and months to avoid the risk of rationing and cuts this winter, amid tensions with supplier Russia over the war in Ukraine. Macron warned Monday that forced energy savings might have to be considered in coming months if voluntary efforts aren't sufficient. He said energy rationing plans are being prepared “in case” they're needed, and that “cuts will happen as a last resort.” “The best energy is that which we don't consume,” the French leader said at a news conference, where he urged French businesses and households to save energy, including by turning down heating and air conditioning. France is among many European countries tightening their belts as energy costs soar. Russia's main pipeline carrying natural gas to Germany remains shut down, and the European Commission president says the EU's electricity market “is no longer operating” amid knock-on effects of the Ukraine war.

Germany sticks to nuclear power deadline but leaves loophole

BERLIN (AP)—Germany is sticking to its long-held plan of shutting down the country's three remaining nuclear power plants this year but keeping the option of reactivating two of them in case of an energy shortage in the coming months, officials said Monday. The announcement follows the publication of a much-anticipated stress test that examined how Germany's power grid will cope with a possible electricity squeeze due to the energy crisis Europe is facing. Like other European countries, Germany is scrambling to ensure the lights stay on and homes stay warm this winter despite the reduction in natural gas flows from Russia amid the war in Ukraine. The government has already announced nu-

merous measures including the import of liquefied natural gas from other suppliers, while urging citizens to conserve as much energy as possible.

Irish watchdog fines Instagram 405M euros in teen data case

LONDON (AP)—Irish regulators are slapping Instagram with a big fine after an investigation found the social media platform mishandled teenagers' personal information in violation of strict European Union data privacy rules. Ireland's Data Protection Commission said by email Monday that it made a final decision last week to fine the company 405 million euros (\$402 million), though the full details won't be released until next week. The penalty is the second-biggest issued under the EU's stringent privacy rules, after Luxembourg's regulators fined Amazon 746 million euros last year. Instagram parent Meta, which also owns Facebook, said that while it had “engaged fully” with regulators throughout the investigation, “we disagree with how this fine was calculated and intend to appeal it.”

CVS to buy home health-care provider Signify for \$8 billion

DALLAS (AP)—Drugstore operator CVS Health Corp. said Monday that it will buy home-health provider Signify Health for \$8 billion. CVS said Signify has more than 10,000 employees including physicians and nurses, a presence in every state, and offers technology platforms. “This acquisition will enhance our connection to consumers in the home and enables providers to better address patient needs as we execute our vision to redefine the health care experience,” CVS CEO Karen Lynch said in a statement announcing the deal. The acquisition would continue CVS' effort to grow from its pharmacy-chain roots to other sectors of the health industry. In 2018, the Woonsocket, Rhode Island, company purchased health insurer Aetna for \$69 billion.

Nation

Search ends for 9 missing in Northwest floatplane crash

WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash. (AP)—The U.S. Coast Guard has suspended the search for nine people missing after a floatplane crashed in the waters of Puget Sound northwest of Seattle.

A nearby resident said they heard what sounded like a thunderclap at the time of the crash Sunday.

Just after noon on Monday, the Coast Guard said it was halting the search for survivors after “saturating an area” of more than 2,100 square nautical miles (nearly 2,800 square miles or 7,250 square kilometers).

“All next of kin have been notified of this decision,” the Coast Guard said on Twitter. “Our hearts go out to the families, loved ones and friends of those who remain missing and the deceased.”

The body of a 10th person, an unidentified female, was recovered by a good Samaritan on Sunday after the crash was reported at 3:11 p.m., Scott Giard, director of the U.S. Coast Guard’s search and rescue for the Pacific Northwest, said at a new conference.



A U.S. Coast Guard boat and Kitsap, Wash., County Sheriff boat search the area, Monday, Sept. 5, 2022, near Freeland, Wash., on Whidbey Island north of Seattle where a chartered floatplane crashed the day before.

The identities of the victims were expected to be released Tuesday.

The Northwest Seaplanes flight left Friday Harbor, a popular tourist destination in the San Juan Islands, and was

headed to Renton Municipal Airport, the company’s base, said Coast Guard spokesperson William Colclough.

The plane went down in Mutiny Bay off Whidbey Island, roughly 30 miles (50 kilome-

ters) northwest of downtown Seattle and about halfway between Friday Harbor and Renton, a suburb south of Seattle.

Whidbey Island resident Jeff Brewny and his wife were walking their dog Sunday

when they heard a loud boom. “First thought was thun-

der. It was that loud,” he said. “There was no flash like you get with lightning. So, you know, I thought it was a boat exploded. It was that devastating. My dog went crazy.”

The Coast Guard learned through the seaplane company’s owner that two Friday Harbor seaplanes took off Sunday afternoon and the owner was aboard one of the flights, Giard said. The owner told authorities he saw the other plane divert slightly off course and he tried to make radio contact but was unable to.

“Shortly after that, he noticed on his flight tracker that the flight had stopped tracking and notified authorities,” Giard said.

Officials received reports that “the aircraft dropped suddenly at a fair amount of speed and hit the water,” Giard said. “We don’t have any video or pictures of the incident as of this moment.”

Judge grants Trump bid for special master in document search

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a legal victory for former President Donald Trump, a federal judge on Monday granted his request for a special master to review documents seized by the FBI from his Florida home and temporarily halted the Justice Department’s use of the records for investigative purposes.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon authorizes an outside legal expert to review the records taken during the Aug. 8 search and to weed out from the rest

of the investigation any that might be protected by claims of attorney-client privilege or executive privilege. Some of those records may ultimately be returned to Trump, but the judge put off a ruling on that question.

The order came despite the strenuous objections of the Justice Department, which said a special master was not necessary in part because officials had already completed their review of potentially privileged documents. The

department said Monday that it was reviewing the decision but did not indicate if and when it might appeal.

The order almost certainly slows the pace of the department’s investigation into the presence of top-secret information at Mar-a-Lago, particularly given the judge’s directive that the Justice Department may not for the moment use any of the seized materials as part of its investigation into the storage of government secrets at the Florida

property. The injunction is in place until the yet-to-be-named special master completes his or her work, or until “further court order.”

“The Court is mindful that restraints on criminal prosecutions are disfavored, but finds that these unprecedented circumstances call for a brief pause to allow for neutral, third-party review to ensure a just process with adequate safeguards,” Cannon, a Trump appointee, wrote in her 24-page order.

California facing chance of blackouts amid brutal heat wave

LOS ANGELES (AP)—California will face its highest chance of blackouts this year as a brutal heat wave continues to blanket the state with triple-digit heat, officials warned Monday.

As people crank up their air conditioners, the state forecast record levels of energy use that could exceed supply Monday evening, said Elliot Mainzer, president of California Independent System Operators, which runs the state’s electrical grid.

The state could fall 2,000 to 4,000 megawatts of electricity short of its power supply, which represents as much as 10% of normal demand, he said.

State energy officials said the electrical load on Tuesday potentially could hit 51,000



Luis Vazquez, of Fairfield, sits in his inflatable boat looking for the perfect song to play before heading out onto the water on Labor Day in Benicia, Calif., on Monday, Sept. 5, 2022.

megawatts, the highest demand ever seen in California.

CAISO on Monday evening requested the activation of temporary emergency power generators deployed

by the Department of Water Resources in Roseville and Yuba City. The four generators, which were activated for the first time since they were installed last year, can provide

up to 120 megawatts of electricity, enough to power up to 120,000 homes.

Earlier in the day, CAISO issued a Flex Alert call for voluntary conservation between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Monday and for 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, making seven alerts in as many days. Consumers were urged to keep air conditioners at 78 degrees (25.5 degrees C) or higher during the period and avoiding using major appliances such as ovens and dishwashers.

The efforts have worked to keep the lights on “but we have now entered the most intense phase of this heat wave” that could last into the week, and two to three times the level of conservation will be needed from people and businesses, Mainzer said.

Uvalde school year starts amid fear and unfinished security

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—A new and worrisome school year begins Tuesday in Uvalde.

There is new high fencing around the Texas community’s public school campuses that still isn’t finished, a heavy police patrol that many families don’t trust and no classes ever again at Robb Elementary School, three months after a gunman with an AR-15-style rifle killed 19 children and two teachers inside two adjoining fourth-grade classrooms.

Ashley Morales is putting her son, Jeremiah, back in class—because she says she has no other choice as a working single mother. She will drop him off outside Uvalde Elementary on the first day. She says parents won’t be allowed inside.

“I’m just nervous, scared,” said Morales, whose son was a third-grader last year at Robb Elementary and lost three friends in the May 24 massacre. During a recent “Meet the Teacher” night, she felt a rush of anxiety walking down the school hall.

“Oh my gosh, it’s actually going to happen,” she said. “School is going to start.”

Although school already started weeks ago in many parts of Texas, officials pushed back the first day of class in Uvalde after a summer of unfathomable heartache, anger and revelations

of widespread failures by law enforcement who allowed an 18-year-old gunman to fire inside the adjoining classrooms for more than 70 minutes.

Despite the extra time, Uvalde school officials said several enhanced security measures remain incomplete, including installing additional cameras and new locks.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has committed to putting nearly three dozen state troopers on Uvalde campuses—but that is of no comfort to some families since there were more than 90 state troopers on scene during the attack.

More than 100 families in Uvalde signed up for virtual school, while others pulled their kids out of the district and enrolled them in private schools. One teacher who was shot in the abdomen and survived, Elsa Avila, will not be greeting students for the first time in 30 years because she is still recovering.

A damning report by a Texas House committee found that nearly 400 officers in all rushed to Robb Elementary after the shooting but hesitated for more than hour to confront the shooter. Body camera and surveillance footage showed heavily armed officers, some holding bulletproof shields, stacked in the hallway but not advancing to the classroom.

Asia

Typhoon batters S. Korea with 3 feet of rain, damaging winds



AP

Debris from a damaged hospital caused by typhoon is seen on a street in Ulsan, South Korea, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The most powerful typhoon to hit South Korea in years battered its southern region Tuesday, dumping a meter (3 feet) of rain, destroying roads and felling power lines, leaving 66,000 homes without electricity as thousands of people fled to safer ground.

Typhoon Hinnamnor grazed the resort island of Jeju and hit the mainland near the port city of Busan before blowing into the sea between the Korean Peninsula and Japan with winds of up to 133 kilometers (82 miles) per hour. It was moving northeast on a track to affect eastern China later in the week.

South Korean officials put the nation on alert about potential damages from flooding, landslides and tidal waves unleashed by Hinnamnor just weeks after heavy rains in the region around the capital

Seoul caused flooding that killed at least 14 people.

Prime Minister Han Duk-soo called for evacuations in areas vulnerable to flooding, saying Hinnamnor could end up being a “historically strong typhoon that we never experienced before.”

The storm dumped more than 105 centimeters (41 inches) of rain in central Jeju since Sunday, where winds peaked at 155 kph (96 mph). Southern and eastern mainland regions were also lashed with heavy rain, which knocked off signboards and roofing, toppled trees and electricity poles and turned roads into chocolate-colored rivers.

A woman in her 70s died in the southern city of Pohang after being swept away in flash floods, while two other people were missing, including a 25-year-old man who fell into a rain-swollen stream

in the nearby city of Ulsan, according to the Ministry of the Interior and Safety.

Fires were reported at a major steel plant operated by POSCO in Pohang, but it wasn’t immediately clear whether they were caused by the storm.

The Safety Ministry said about 500 among 3,400 people who had been forced to evacuate returned home as of Tuesday afternoon. At least five homes and buildings were flooded or destroyed, and scores of roads were damaged.

More than 600 schools were closed or converted to online classes. More than 250 flights and 70 ferry services were grounded while more than 66,000 fishing boats evacuated to ports. Workers by late morning had managed to restore electricity to 30,006 of the 66,341 households that lost power.

already under a COVID-19 lockdown. Power was knocked out and buildings damaged in the historic town of Moxi in the Tibetan autonomous prefecture of Garze, where 37 people were killed. Tents were erected for more than 50,000 people being moved from homes made unsafe by the quake, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

India’s Bengaluru flooded after days of torrential rains

BENGALURU, India (AP)—Life for many in the southern Indian city of Bengaluru was disrupted on Tuesday after two days of torrential

rains set off long traffic snarls, widespread power cuts and heavy floods that swept into homes and submerged roads. With several parts of the city still heavily waterlogged, videos on social media showed people hopping onto tractors to get to work. Many schools were shut on Monday over the heavy downpours and authorities have warned of interruptions to the water supply. Boats were deployed to rescue people submerged in floodwaters. The chief minister said some areas in the city saw 150% more rain than usual in the first week of September, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

World

Canadian police: One suspect in stabbings has been found dead

WELDON, Saskatchewan (AP)—One of the suspects in the stabbing deaths of 10 people in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan has been found dead, and his injuries are not self-inflicted, police said Monday as they continued the search for a second suspect.

Regina Police Chief Evan Bray said Damien Sanderson, 31, was found dead near the stabbing sites and they believe his brother, Myles Sanderson, 30, is injured, on the run and likely in the provincial capital of Regina. It was the first time police have identified the two as brothers.

“His body was located outdoors in a heavily grassed area in proximity to a house that

was being examined. We can confirm he has visible injuries. These injuries are not believed to be self-inflicted at this point,” said RCMP Commanding Officer Assistant Commissioner Rhonda Blackmore, adding they were not sure of the exact cause of death yet.

Asked if Myles Sanderson was responsible for his brother’s death, Blackmore said police are investigating that possibility, but “we can’t say that definitively at this point in time.”

The discovery of the body came on the second day of a massive manhunt for the pair, who are suspected of carrying out a series of stabbings in an Indigenous community and a nearby town, which

also left 18 people injured. It was one of the deadliest attacks in the nation’s history.

Authorities have said some of the victims were targeted and others appeared to have been chosen at random on the James Smith Cree Nation and in the town of Weldon in Saskatchewan. They have given no motive for the crimes— but senior Indigenous leaders suggested drugs were somehow involved.

James Smith Cree Nation resident Darryl Burns and his brother, Ivor Wayne Burns, said their sister, Gloria Lydia Burns, was a first responder who was killed while trying responding to a call. Burns said his 62-year-old sister was on a crisis response team.

Ukraine: Nuclear plant offline after Russian shelling

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Europe’s largest nuclear plant was knocked off Ukraine’s electricity grid Monday, its last transmission line disconnected because of a fire caused by shelling, the facility’s operator and the U.N. atomic watchdog said.

The International Atomic Energy Agency said it was informed Monday by Ukrainian authorities that the reserve line “was deliberately disconnected in order to extinguish a fire.”

“The line itself is not damaged, and it will be reconnected once the fire is extinguished,” the IAEA said.

In the meantime, the plant’s only remaining operational reactor would “gener-

ate the power the plant needs for its safety and other functions,” the agency said.

Mykle Schneider, an independent analyst in Canada on nuclear energy, said that would mean the plant was likely functioning in “island mode,” producing electricity just for its own operations.

“Island mode is a very shaky, unstable, and unreliable way to provide continuous power supply to a nuclear plant,” Schneider said.

The incident fueled fears of a potential nuclear disaster at Zaporizhzhia, one of the 10 biggest nuclear plants in the world. Experts say its reactors are designed to protect against natural disasters and incidents such as aircraft

crashes, but leaders around the world have appealed for it to be spared in the fighting because of the risk of a catastrophe.

Russia and Ukraine accuse each other of attacking the plant, which the Kremlin’s forces have held since early March. The plant’s Ukrainian staff continue to operate it.

The plant’s operator, Energoatom, said Monday that Russian forces have kept up “intensive shelling” around Zaporizhzhia in recent days despite the warnings. The Russian military accused Ukrainian forces of staging “provocations” there, including sending a drone, which was intercepted, and shelling the adjacent city of Enerhodar.

Israeli army: ‘High probability’ soldier killed reporter

JERUSALEM (AP)—The Israeli military on Monday announced the long-awaited results of its investigation into the deadly shooting of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, saying there was a “high probability” an Israeli soldier had mistakenly killed her during a raid in the occupied West Bank last May.

It was the closest that Israel has come to accepting responsibility for the shooting. But in a report that seemed to raise as many questions as it sought to answer, the military revealed no new evidence to back its claim that the Palestinian-American journalist might have been killed by Palestinian fire during a battle between Palestinian gunmen and Israel troops. It also said that no one would

be punished for the shooting.

The conclusions were unlikely to put to rest an issue that has worsened what already were badly strained relations between Israel and the Palestinians. Both Palestinian officials and Abu Akleh’s family accused the army of evading responsibility for her killing.

“Our family is not surprised by this outcome since it’s obvious to anyone that Israeli war criminals cannot investigate their own crimes. However, we remain deeply hurt, frustrated and disappointed,” her family said in a statement.

Abu Akleh, a 51-year-old Palestinian-American, was killed while covering an Israeli raid in the Jenin refugee camp in the northern West

Bank on May 11. She had covered the West Bank for Al Jazeera for two decades and was a well-known face across the Arab world.

In a briefing with reporters, a senior Israeli military official said there was a “very high likelihood” that Abu Akleh was mistakenly shot by an Israeli soldier positioned inside an armored vehicle who thought he was aiming at a militant.

“He misidentified her,” the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity under military briefing guidelines. “His reports in real time... absolutely point to a misidentification.”

“We know that he fired, but it could very well be that this happened from other fire,” he added.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Earthquake kills 65, triggers landslides in southwest China

BEIJING (AP)—The powerful earthquake that set off landslides and shook buildings in southwestern China killed at least 65 people and injured hundreds, state media said Tuesday. At least 16 other people are missing a day after the 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck a mountainous area in Luding county in Sichuan province, which sits on the edge of the Tibetan Plateau where tectonic plates meet and is hit regularly by quakes. The temblor shook buildings in the provincial capital of Chengdu, whose 21 million residents are

Good Housekeeping



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
Wallpaper adds elegance and texture to a neutral toned master bedroom.



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
Wallpaper helps to add interest and a graphic element in a small office space.

By CATHY HOBBS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

In case you haven't noticed, wallpaper is back—and it appears that it's here to stay. A signature staple in the '70s, wallpaper later fell from favor. Labeled "dated," those looking for bold color opted for painted accent walls instead of wallpaper.

These days, wallpaper can be used in a variety of ways from residential to commercial settings, and for many designers it's the go-to choice for bringing in graphics, prints and color.

Looking for ways to incorporate wallpaper into your home? Here are some top tips.



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Wallpaper is a bold print adds both height and drama in this master bedroom.



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A wallpaper accent wall adds a burst of color to this bedroom.

How to wow with

wallpaper

DO'S

1. Do use wallpaper as an accent wall.
2. Do use wallpaper in spaces where you wish to incorporate graphics and color.
3. Do blend an inspirational wall color with wallpaper to create a cohesive look.
4. Do use wallpaper to help add height or elongate a space.
5. Do use wallpaper such as grass cloth to add texture.

DON'TS

1. Don't blend different patterns of wallpaper in the same space.
2. Don't place big wallpaper prints in small spaces such as bathrooms.
3. Don't overlook an opportunity to use wallpaper in creative ways such as on a ceiling.
4. Don't assume that wallpaper has to bring in an element of color or pattern. Wallpaper can bring a sense of calm and neutrality to spaces as well.
5. Don't be afraid to go bold and make an inspirational state or create a focal point using wallpaper.



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Grass cloth wallpaper adds a sense of formality and elegance to this dining space.

Life & Style

Timothée Chalamet, Taylor Russell play cannibals in love

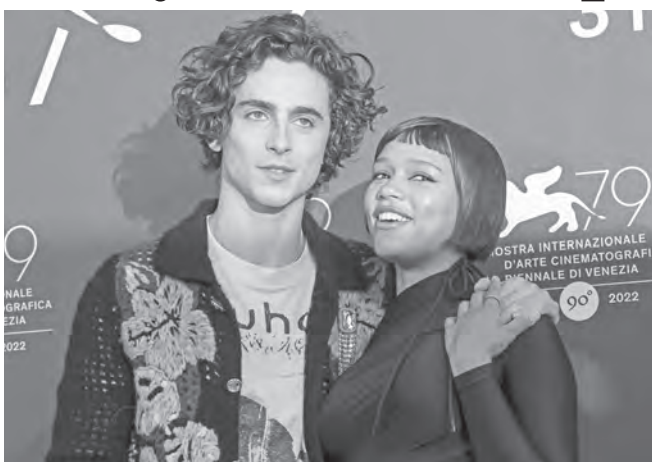
VENICE, Italy (AP)—Timothée Chalamet was feeling cut off from the world in the early days of the pandemic. Then Luca Guadagnino, whom Chalamet saw as a father figure while filming “Call Me By Your Name,” called with a new possible project. It would be another young romance set in the 1980s. But instead of Italy they’d be going to the American Midwest. And they’d be cannibals.

The film, “Bones and All” is having its world premiere Friday night at the Venice Film Festival, where it is among the competition titles. Chalamet and Guadagnino gathered before the premiere to discuss the film with the cast.

It’s a significant departure

for the Italian director of films like “A Bigger Splash” and “I Am Love,” marking the first time Guadagnino has made an American film—something he’s wanted to do for some time. Then his longtime collaborator, screenwriter David Kajganich, came to him with an adaptation of Camille DeAngelis’ young adult novel and he saw in it an opportunity to make a film about identity and outcasts.

“I was dying to work with Luca again and tell a story that was grounded,” said Chalamet, who took a break from filming “Dune 2” to appear in Venice. Swarms of fans gathered around the docks of the Hotel Excelsior to get a glimpse of the star, who even stopped to pose



Timothée Chalamet, left, and Taylor Russell pose for photographers at the photo call for the film ‘Bones and All’ during the 79th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, Friday, Sept. 2, 2022.

for a few selfies.

In “Bones and All,” Chalamet did more than just act:

He helped take his character Lee from an “alpha jock” to a “broken soul,” which he said

Bodycam video released in Busey sex offense investigation

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP)—Authorities in New Jersey released video and documents related to sexual offense charges filed against actor Gary Busey, who is accused of inappropriately touching at least three women at a horror movie convention earlier this month.

The documentation released Wednesday by Cherry Hill police was heavily redacted and revealed no major new details

regarding the allegations. Most of the police bodycam videos and witness interview videos are also blurred and contain no audio.

Busey, 78, faces charges of fourth-degree criminal sexual



Busey

contact, attempted criminal sexual contact and harassment.

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ment. He maintains his innocence. The charges stem from alleged actions Aug. 12-14 at the Monster Mania Convention at the Doubletree Hotel in the southern Jersey town, which is a suburb of Philadelphia.

Busey, who lives in Malibu, California, was scheduled as a featured guest for the three-day event. However, the company running the convention said he was removed from the event when it received a complaint from attendees.

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was very attractive to him, and got a producing credit on the film as well.

“Luca is fatherly with me and guided me in that process this time,” he said. “I can’t say that I was helpful organizing schedules or anything like that. But it’s something I want to continue doing.”

Chalamet’s character is a supporting part to the film’s lead Maren, who is coming to terms with her unsavory urges. She’s played by “Waves” actor Taylor Russell, a newcomer to the Guadagnino family of regulars like Michael Stuhlbarg, as a creepy cannibal they meet on the road, and Chloë Sevigny.

John Harwood exits CNN amid changes at the news channel

LOS ANGELES (AP)—CNN White House correspondent John Harwood said he’s exiting the news channel, an abrupt departure that comes amid other CNN changes.

“Today’s my last day at CNN,” Harwood said in a tweet posted Friday. He said he was proud

of the work and called himself “lucky to serve the best in American media,” including stints at the St. Petersburg Times, Wall Street Journal, NBC and CNN.

“Look forward to figuring out what’s next,” he said on Twitter. “We appreciate John’s work



Harwood

covering the White House, and we wish him all the best,” CNN said in a statement.

Last month, CNN canceled its weekly “Reliable Sources” media analysis show after three decades on the air, and host Brian Stelter left the network. The show appeared to be an

early casualty in CNN’s effort to be less confrontational politically—a priority of Chris Licht, who became the network’s chairman and CEO in the spring, and his boss, David Zaslav, head of the Warner Bros. Discovery parent company.

Anne Heche died without a will, son files to control estate

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor Anne Heche died without a will, and her 20-year-old son has filed court papers to control her estate.

Homer Laffoon, Heche’s son with ex-husband Coleman Laffoon, filed a petition in Los Angeles Superior Court on Wednesday requesting that he be allowed to administer his mother’s estate.

The petition lists Homer

Laffoon and 13-year-old Atlas Tupper, Heche’s son with former partner James Tupper, as her only heirs.

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Meghan addresses youth summit on UK visit with Prince Harry

LONDON (AP)—Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, has made her first speech in Britain since she and Prince Harry quit as working royals two years ago.

Delivering a keynote speech to the One Young World summit on Monday, Meghan spoke of her self-doubt as “the girl from Suits” when she attend-

ed the same youth event in 2014 alongside world leaders and humanitarian activists.

The duchess, formerly known as Meghan Markle, was best known for her acting role in the TV drama “Suits” before she married Harry.

“I was allowed in, to pull up a seat at the table,”

Meghan told about 2,000 young people gathered in Manchester, England. “I was so overwhelmed by this experience, I think I even saved my little paper place-marker with my name on it.”

“Just proof—proof that I was there, proof that I belonged, because the truth was, I wasn’t sure that I belonged,” she said.

Woman concerned for nephew’s care by her younger sister

DEAR ABBY: My younger sister, “Fern,” gave birth to a son three months ago. Since she returned to work, it seems like all she does is dump her baby, “Ricky,” on others so she can sleep with her special someone. I watched Ricky a couple of times while they ran errands, even though they have someone living with them to keep an eye on the baby.

Fern works nights and her S.O. works days, but all I hear is that Ricky is getting watched by someone else. She’s always in the parking lot at work 30 minutes before we open although she lives nearby. She also volunteers for extra work as often as she can. She has struggled with mental health and alcohol abuse, so I’m worried she may have postpartum depression.

I want Ricky to be safe, and I’d love for them to have a healthy bond. From the things she says, I’m worried they don’t. I know for some moms it takes time, but she wasn’t excited about her pregnancy or about giving birth. She’s a first-time mom, so maybe I’m not giving her a chance. Am I just a nosy aunt, or is this normal?

AUNT IN THE SOUTH

DEAR AUNT IN THE SOUTH: While Fern’s parenting style isn’t the same as yours, from what you have written, she and her significant other are making sure Ricky is cared for in their absence. This is why I think the answer to

your question is yes, you ARE being a nosy aunt.

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DEAR ABBY: I have caught my boyfriend looking at his mom’s rear end more than once. She sometimes walks around the house in tight-fitting booty shorts that are so short you can see part of her butt. Sometimes he actually stares, which I find extremely disturbing. I’m not sure what to do. I have even thought about breaking up with him. We usually hang out at my house, but whenever we spend time at his house and his mom wears short shorts, I catch him. Please advise me on this.

CAN’T UNSEE THIS

DEAR CAN’T UNSEE: Have you talked with your boyfriend about your observation? If you haven’t, you should. If you are seriously worried that he’s lusting after his mother, you should absolutely end the romance. No ifs, ands or butts.

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DEAR ABBY: Should vehicle charging be provided as an amenity to an overnight houseguest? When my family visits our vacation home, they have gotten into the habit of plugging in their hybrid vehicles when they arrive. They live only an hour away and don’t “need” the additional range to return home. Their vehicles can cost about \$30 to charge. Are they taking advantage of our hospitality, or is this the

DEAR ABBY

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cost of having the company? -

UNSURE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR UNSURE: Does this happen regularly? If the answer is yes, and the cost of the electricity creates a burden for you, speak up and ask your guests to stop or compensate you. However, if it doesn’t, then I would consider it a part of the hospitality I have extended.

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Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in “The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.” To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



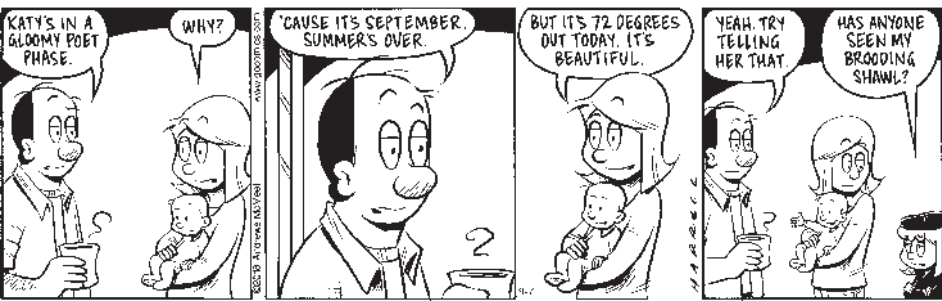
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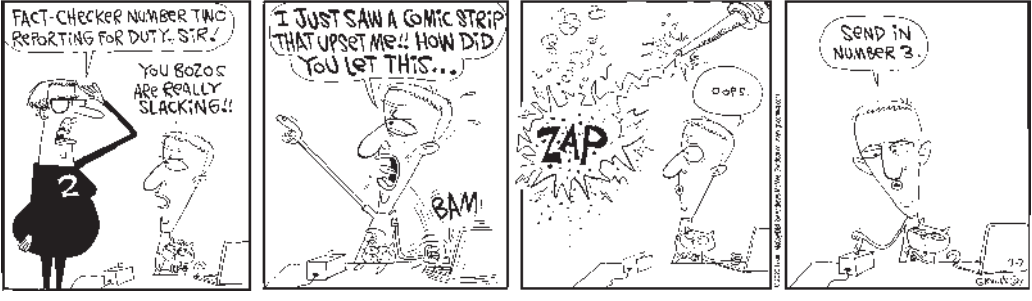
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By Bryan Basset



The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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34 Visa rival, briefly
35 Inventor's inspiration

Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterday's answer 9-7

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Evan Rachel Wood, 35; Shannon Elizabeth, 49; Toby Jones, 56; Michael Emerson, 68.

Happy Birthday: Idle time is the enemy. A tight schedule jam-packed with deadlines will keep you moving forward and excited about life, love and your overall well-being. Trust your instincts and know when to sprint and when to sit back and regenerate. Your ability to read situations clearly will encourage you to help others. Mix business with pleasure, and you'll surpass expectations. Your numbers are 2, 14, 20, 26, 31, 33, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your hard work will pay off, and what you gain in the process will motivate you to keep moving forward. The confidence you earn and the backing of influential people will lead to better days ahead. Progress and rewards are heading your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Indecisiveness will be your downfall. Put time and effort into fact-finding and assessing situations. Decisions will factor into how much respect you receive from others. Don't let your emotions interfere with doing what's right and best for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You've got momentum; don't look back or slow down. Keep your eye on the target, and you'll reach your destination on time and with a healthy attitude. Don't be shy; recognize your strengths and accept credit where credit is due.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Handle domestic and financial matters carefully. Be practical and ready to say no to anyone looking for a handout. Offer suggestions

and physical assistance, but don't pay for someone else's mistake. Protect your home, family and position.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put more emphasis on finding the truth and taking care of anything that may stand between you and whatever you want to pursue. Listen to what's being said and offered, and mastermind a way to use this information to your advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Have a plan in place. High energy coupled with intuition and getting along well with others will get you where you want to go. Don't let anger or frustration stand between you and your dreams. Face situations head-on and play to win.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Speak passionately and pursue your goals. Share with someone you look up to, and the input you receive will enrich your vision. Don't let disappointment set in if someone decides to head in a different direction. Do what's best for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do what you must, then move on to something more pleasurable. Rewarding yourself will give you the boost you need to trust and believe in yourself and what you want to pursue. A partnership will provide you with the leverage to explore possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take on a cause and do your best to make a difference. Consider what's possible, and apply your skills to meet the demands you encounter. Enthusiasm and high energy will help you set the pace and standard for others to follow.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't give up. If you are a good listener, you will gain insight into what's possible. Play with the facts and figures, and you'll find a workable solution. Live within your means, and promise only what you can deliver.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your energy into something that will make you feel good about you and how you live. Fixing up your surroundings will give you a boost, but don't let it result in debt. Monitor your spending and search for bargains.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Sort through your thoughts and feelings before you share them with others. It's essential to understand what's possible before you make promises. Personal improvements require patience and planning. Leave nothing to chance or in someone else's hands.

Birthday Baby: You are high-energy, persistent and thoughtful. You are engaging and friendly.

⚡ Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ⚡ You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ⚡ Focus and you'll reach your goals. ⚡ Aim high; start new projects. ⚡ Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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SUDOKU

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Last Friday's Answer

Difficulty Level ★★★

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Yesterday's Answer: Cockapoo

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Tiafoe ends Nadal's 22-match Slam streak in US Open

NEW YORK (AP)—Frances Tiafoe's vision was blurry from the tears. He was thrilled — overwhelmed, even — when the last point was over and it hit him that, yes, he had ended Rafael Nadal's 22-match Grand Slam winning streak Monday and reached the U.S. Open quarterfinals for the first time.

"I felt like the world stopped," Tiafoe said. "I couldn't hear anything for a minute."

Then Tiafoe found himself "losing it in the locker room" when he saw that NBA superstar LeBron James gave him a Twitter shoutout.

"Bro," Tiafoe said, "I was going crazy."

What meant the most to Tiafoe about his 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory over 22-time major champion Nadal in the fourth round at Flushing Meadows, though, was looking up in his Arthur Ashe Stadium guest box and knowing his parents, Constant and Alphina, were there.

"To see them experience me beat Rafa Nadal — they've seen me have big wins, but to beat those 'Mount Rushmore' guys? For them, I can't imagine what was going through their heads," said Tiafoe, a 24-year-old American seeded 22nd at the U.S. Open. "I mean, they're going to remember today for the rest of their lives."

His parents both emigrated to the United States from Sierra Leone in West Africa amid its civil war in the 1990s. They ended up in Maryland, where Constant helped construct a tennis training center for juniors, then became a maintenance man there; Alphina, Frances said, was "a nurse, working two jobs, working overtime through the nights." Frances and his twin brother, Franklin, were born in 1998, and soon would be spending hour upon hour where Dad's job was, rackets in hand.

Maybe one day, went the dream, a college scholarship would come of it.

"It wasn't anything supposed to be like this," Tiafoe said Monday evening, hours after by far his biggest victory.

He is the youngest American man to get this far at the U.S. Open since Andy Roddick in 2006, but this was not a case of a one-sided crowd backing one of its own. Nadal is about as popular as it gets in tennis and heard plenty of support as the volume raised after the retractable roof was shut in the fourth set.

"It's something to tell the kids, the grandkids: 'Yeah, I beat Rafa,'" Tiafoe said with



Frances Tiafoe, of the United States, celebrates after defeating Rafael Nadal, of Spain, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Monday, Sept. 5, 2022, in New York.

a big smile.

He served better than No. 2 seed Nadal. More surprisingly, he returned better, too. And he kept his cool, remained in the moment and never let the stakes or the opponent get to him. Nadal, a 36-year-old from Spain, had won both of their previous matches, and every set they played, too.

"Well, the difference is easy: I played a bad match and he played a good match," Nadal said. "At the end that's it."

This surprise came a day after Tiafoe followed along on TV as his pal Nick Kyrgios "put on a show" and eliminated No. 1 seed and defending champion Daniil Medvedev. That makes this the first U.S. Open without either of the top two seeded men reaching the quarterfinals since 2000, when No. 1 Andre Agassi exited in the second round and No. 2 Gustavo Kuerten in the first.

That was before Nadal, Novak Djokovic, who has 21 Grand Slam titles, and Roger Federer, who has 20, began dominating men's tennis. Djokovic, 35, did not enter this U.S. Open because he is not vaccinated against COVID-19 and was not allowed to enter the United States; Federer, 41, has undergone a series of operations on his right knee and last played at Wimbledon last year.

Now come the inevitable questions about whether their era of excellence is wrapping up.

"It signifies that the years go by," Nadal said. "It's the circle of life."

Tiafoe now meets No. 9 Andrey Rublev, who beat No. 7 Cam Norrie 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 earlier Monday.

Late Monday turned into early Tuesday when third-seeded Carlos Alcaraz beat No. 15 seed Marin Cilic 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in a match that lasted 3 hours, 54 minutes and ended at 2:23 a.m.

No. 11 Jannik Sinner rallied from two games down in the fifth set to beat Ilya Ivashka 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

The No. 1 woman, Iga Swiatek, moved into her first quarterfinal at Flushing Meadows by coming back to beat Jule Niemeier 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

"I'm just proud," Swiatek said, "that I didn't lose hope."

The 21-year-old from Po-

land will face another first-time U.S. Open quarterfinalist: No. 8 Jessica Pegula, the highest-ranked American woman, who advanced with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over two-time Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitova.

Another women's quarterfinal will be two-time major finalist Karolina Pliskova against No. 6 Aryna Sabalenka.

Nadal won the Australian Open in January and the French Open in June. Then he made it to the semifinals at Wimbledon in July before withdrawing from that tournament because of a torn abdominal muscle.

Nadal competed only once in the 1 1/2 months between leaving the All England

Club and arriving in New York, where he has won four trophies.

He tweaked his service motion, tossing the ball lower than he normally does so as not to put as much strain on his midsection. There were plenty of signs Monday that his serve was not in tip-top shape: nine double-faults, a first-serve percentage hovering around 50%, five breaks by Tiafoe.

Earlier in the tournament, he lost the first set of his first-round match. Did the same in the second round, when he also accidentally cut the bridge of his nose and made himself dizzy when the edge of his racket frame bounced off the court and caught him in the face.

New rules: G League will set a target score for OT games

Overtime in the G League this season will be a race to seven points.

The schedule for the G League's 22nd year was released Thursday, with the 50-game slate — an 18-game Showcase Cup to start the year, then a 32-game regular season — beginning on Nov. 4 and ending on March 25.

Playoffs begin March 28.

And the league is making some changes, with a switch to a "target score" ending for its overtime games among the most significant. The first team to score seven points in the OT period wins, and that extra session will be untimed.

The G League set seven points as the overtime target because it wanted to ensure the extra period lasts longer

than two possessions.

The move mirrors what the NBA has done at its last three All-Star Games, when a target score — whichever team was leading after three quarters, plus 24 points, in a nod to one of Kobe Bryant's jersey numbers — was set for an untimed fourth quarter.

A variation of the target score also will be in use for all games at the G League's Winter Showcase at Las Vegas in December. There will be no clock in the fourth quarter of those games; the leading score after three quarters will have 25 points added to it, and the first team to that number wins. For example, if Team A leads Team B 75-74 after three quarters, the first team to 100 points would be the winner.

The target score concept is something that the NBA began seriously considering for some events in 2019, when then-National Basketball Players Association president Chris Paul — a big fan of The Basketball Tournament, a winner-take-all summer event composed mostly of college alumni teams — reached out to say the league should explore the concept.

The Basketball Tournament, commonly called TBT, uses what is called the Elam Ending; in those games, the clock is turned off at the first stoppage with 4:00 or less in the fourth quarter, and the target score there is eight points more than the leading score at the time.

Another new twist for the G League this season is that

Still, on Monday, Nadal appeared on the verge of turning things around when he broke early in the fourth set and went ahead 3-1.

Tiafoe told himself: "Stay in it. Stay with him."

That's tied to two key areas Tiafoe credits with helping make him a stronger player of late: an improved in-match mindset and a commitment to fitness.

"Rafa is there every point. I've been known to have some dips in my game at times, where it's like you're watching (and thinking), 'What's that?!'" Tiafoe said. "That was my thing, match intensity."

No concern now: He grabbed the last five games. The next-to-last break came for a 4-3 edge in the fourth set, when Nadal put a backhand into the net, and Tiafoe skipped backward toward the sideline for the ensuing changeover, his fist raised.

Fifteen minutes later, Tiafoe broke again, and it was over. This represents the latest significant step forward for Tiafoe, whose only previous trip to a Grand Slam quarterfinal came at the 2019 Australian Open — and ended with a loss to Nadal.

When one last backhand by Nadal found the net, Tiafoe chucked his racket and put his hands on his head. He glanced into the stands — Mom, Dad, brother, girlfriend, Washington Wizards All-Star Bradley Beal, others — then sat in his sideline chair and buried his face in a towel.

"It was just wild. My heart is going a thousand miles an hour. I was so excited. I was like: Let me sit down," Tiafoe said. "Yeah, I've never felt something like that in my life, honestly."

the league-sponsored Ignite team will be a full-fledged member, with a 50-game schedule and eligible for the league championship for the first time.

The G League Ignite, which will play this season out of a new home in Henderson, Nevada, exists to develop young prospects in preparation for the NBA draft. It featured three eventual top-10 draft picks — Jalen Green and Jonathan Kuminga last year, Dyson Daniels this year — in its first two seasons.

Also playing a full schedule this season: the Mexico City Capitanes. They'll host the first G League regular-season game played in Mexico on Nov. 6, when they face the defending champion Rio Grande Valley Vipers. (AP)

Judge clubs MLB-leading 54th homer, Yankees defeat Twins, 5-2



NEW YORK (AP)—Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 54th home run, connecting for the third straight day and sending the New York Yankees over the Minnesota Twins 5-2 on Monday.

Judge has homered in five of his last seven games for the AL East leaders. He snapped a 2-2 tie in the sixth inning when he hit a 3-1 slider from Trevor Megill (3-2) into the second deck in left.

The All-Star slugger reached 54 homers in his 131st game. He is on pace to hit 65 homers, four more than Roger Maris' AL record in 1961.

Judge, who also doubled, followed Gary Sánchez's 473-foot, two-run homer into the left field bleachers off Jameson Taillon in the fifth that tied it at 2.

Marwin Gonzalez also homered for the Yankees, and Isiah Kiner-Falefa added his second homer this year in the seventh.

Greg Weissert (2-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings for his second career win. Clay Holmes earned his 19th save.

Blue Jays 7, Orioles 3, 1st game Blue Jays 8, Orioles 4, 2nd game

In Baltimore, Bo Bichette hit a career-high three home runs in the second game of a doubleheader, and Toronto defeated Baltimore to complete a sweep and widen its lead in the AL wild-card race.

Bichette hit a three-run homer off Nick Vespi in the third inning, then added solo drives in the sixth and seventh off Bruce Zimmermann. The shortstop had six hits and seven RBIs during the doubleheader. Bichette lined to center in the ninth when he came up with a chance to tie the major league record of four home runs in a game. He matched a career high with five RBIs in the nightcap.

Toronto won the opener behind Kevin Gausman, who allowed two runs in 6 2/3 innings in his first outing at Camden Yards since Baltimore traded him in July 2018.

Cavan Biggio also homered in the second game for the Blue Jays, who extended their lead over Baltimore to 4½ games for the AL's third and final wild-card spot.

Rougned Odor and Adley Rutschman homered in the second game for Baltimore. The Orioles have lost three in a row, their longest skid since a four-game slide from June 28-July 2.

Toronto starter José Berrios (10-5) allowed three runs and eight hits in six-plus

innings, striking out two. Keegan Akin (3-2) took the loss, allowing two runs in 2 1/3 innings.

In the opener, Anthony Santander homered from both sides of the plate for Baltimore. Rutschman had two hits and scored a run.

George Springer, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Bichette hit consecutive RBI singles against rookie DL Hall as Toronto broke the game open in the ninth inning.

Mike Baumann (1-3) yielded three runs in five innings in his first major league start.

Guardians 6, Royals 5, 10 innings

In Kansas City, Mo., Oscar Gonzalez hit a two-run double in the 10th inning and Cleveland snapped a five-game losing streak, beating Kansas City to regain sole possession of the AL Central lead.

Cleveland moved a game ahead of Minnesota, which lost to the New York Yankees. The third-place Chicago White Sox are one game behind the Twins.

Josh Naylor homered for the Guardians, and Andrés Giménez scored twice.

Drew Waters hit his first major league home run for the Royals, and Salvador Perez's one-out RBI double in the eighth tied it at 4.

Eli Morgan (5-3) won in relief, and Emmanuel Clase earned his 31st save in 33 opportunities. He allowed a run in the 10th but stranded the potential tying run at first base.

Carlos Hernandez (0-5) took the loss.

White Sox 3, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Lance Lynn struck out a season-high 11, Elvis Andrus hit a two-run home run and the Chicago ended Seattle's seven-game winning streak.

Lynn retired the final 17 batters he faced in a dominant outing. The win kept the White Sox on the heels of Minnesota and Cleveland in a suddenly tight AL Central race, while Seattle lost ground to both Toronto and Tampa Bay in the chase for the top wild-card spot in the AL.

Lynn (5-5) didn't allow a base runner after Abraham Toro's bloop RBI single in the second inning and he allowed just three hits.

A.J. Pollock also hit a solo home run for the White Sox.

Marco Gonzales (10-13) threw seven innings for the just second time since late June, allowing four hits and striking out three.



New York Yankees right fielder Aaron Judge (99) hits a home run against the Minnesota Twins during the sixth inning of a baseball game Monday, Sept. 5, 2022, in New York.

Diamondbacks 5, Padres 0

In San Diego, Ryne Nelson was brilliant in his big league debut, allowing just four hits in seven innings and retiring 17 straight batters at one point to lead Arizona over San Diego.

The 24-year-old Nelson (1-0) allowed Jurickson Profar's leadoff double in the first, then didn't permit another runner until Profar doubled with two outs in the sixth. Nelson struck out seven and walked none on 87 pitches.

Stone Garrett hit a solo homer for Arizona, which won for the ninth time in 11 games. San Diego, clinging to an NL wild-card spot, lost its third straight.

Blake Snell (6-8) struck out 10 in six innings while allowing one run on four hits. He walked one.

Rays 4, Red Sox 3

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Manuel Margot and David Peralta each doubled home a run in the seventh inning, sending Tampa Bay past Boston for its 12th win in 15 games.

Tampa Bay stopped Boston's five-game winning streak and stayed five games behind the first-place Yankees in the AL East. The Rays hold one of three AL wild-card spots in a tight race that also includes Seattle, Toronto and Baltimore.

With the Rays trailing 3-2 in the seventh, pinch-hitter Vidal Bruján was hit by a pitch from Jeurys Familia (2-2) and stole second. Bruján advanced on a groundout and

scored on Margot's double off Familia. One out later, Peralta punched an RBI double over first base off Zack Kelly to give Tampa Bay a 4-3 lead.

Calvin Faucher (2-3) got the win in relief; Pete Fairbanks earned his fifth save in five attempts.

Red Sox starter Michael Wacha struck out seven in his bid to win a fifth straight start. He gave up two runs on seven hits, leaving after six innings. Alex Verdugo added a homer.

Astros 1, Rangers 0

In Houston, Hunter Brown scattered three hits across six innings in his major league debut, and Houston handed Texas its ninth straight loss.

The Astros scored against hard-luck loser Martín Pérez (10-6) with the help of an error in the second. But that one run was enough on a night when three relievers completed a three-hitter after Brown's stellar start in which he struck out five and walked one.

Bryan Abreu pitched the seventh and Hector Neris worked the eighth before Rafael Montero got three outs for his 12th save.

Pérez yielded six hits with five strikeouts in seven innings.

Trey Mancini walked with two outs in the Houston second before a single by Chas McCormick. Martín Maldonado then singled on a line drive to left field and an error by Thompson on the play allowed Mancini to score.

Nationals 6, Cardinals 0

In St. Louis, Jack Flaherty pitched five effective innings for St. Louis in his first big league action since June, but the NL Central-leading Cardinals had their four-game winning streak stopped by Joey Meneses and Washington.

Meneses got three hits and fellow rookie C.J. Abrams had four to back five shutout innings from Aníbal Sánchez (2-5). Washington, which has the worst record in the majors, has won three in a row.

Flaherty (0-1) returned from the injured list after being sidelined by a right shoulder issue. In his first start since June 26, he allowed one run on six hits and a walk. He struck out six and hit a batter while throwing 91 pitches.

St. Louis managed just three singles against three pitchers. Msson Thompson allowed one hit in three innings for his first big league save.

Brewers 6, Rockies 4

In Denver, Victor Caratini hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the sixth inning for Milwaukee helping Craig Counsell earn managerial win No. 600.

Counsell reached the milestone in roller-coaster fashion, with Milwaukee trailing 3-0 after the first inning, rallying and then escaping a two-out, bases-loaded jam in the eighth.

Caratini lined a slider from reliever Justin Lawrence for his ninth homer of the sea-

son. The Brewers trail San Diego by two games for the final NL wild card.

Adrian Houser (5-9) allowed three runs, one earned, and two hits over five innings. Devin Williams earned his 10th save.

C.J. Cron homered and Ryan Feltner (2-7) took the loss for Colorado, surrendering four runs and five hits over 5 1/3 innings.

Angels 10, Tigers 0

In Anaheim, Calif., Shohei Ohtani had his sixth multi-homer game of the season, Mike Trout also went deep and José Suarez threw three-hit ball over seven innings to lead Los Angeles.

Luis Rengifo had a career-high four hits and drove in a run for the Angels, who had their second-biggest offensive performance of the season with 16 hits.

It was the seventh time this year Ohtani and Trout homered in the same game. Trout's solo shot to left field in the fifth off Tyler Alexander (3-9) was his 30th home run of the season, marking the seventh time in his 12-year career he has reached that plateau.

It marks the ninth time the Angels have had two players with at least 30 homers in a season. Ohtani has 32, including a two-run line drive in the third and a 416-foot solo drive in the seventh.

Suarez (6-6) struck out seven and went seven innings for the second time in 17 starts this season.

Giants 7, Dodgers 4

In Los Angeles, Lewis Brinson, J.D. Davis, Thairo Estrada and David Villar rocked Andrew Heaney for home runs in back-to-back innings, and Brinson added a solo shot in the ninth to lead San Francisco.

The Giants snapped an eight-game losing streak to their rivals who own a commanding lead in the NL West. The Dodgers' magic number to clinch the division remained at eight.

The Giants' season-high five homers in a game were the most given up by the Dodgers since yielding that many to the New York Yankees in a 10-2 loss in 2019.

Logan Webb (12-8) ended a three-game skid in his career-high 28th appearance. The right-hander allowed three runs — two earned — and seven hits in six innings. He struck out six and walked none. Camilo Doval pitched the ninth to earn his 20th save.

Heaney (2-2) gave up six runs and six hits in 5 1/3 innings, struck out eight and walked one.

Interscholastic sports for SY 2022-2023 back in session

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With schools back in session for school year 2022-2023, the long awaited and always exciting school sports, which are high school volleyball, co-ed elementary soccer, and all schools cross country are now back as well.

Middle school boys' soccer and middle school girls' basketball schedules have yet to be determined.

Yesterday was the start of the girls' high school volleyball at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. The majority of the games will be played at the MHS Gym with some games at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

A total of 68 volleyball games will be played throughout the school year, with the varsity double-elimination tournament to start on Oct. 20 at 4pm. On Oct. 21, it will start at 4pm as well, and on Oct. 22, it will start at 10am for tournament continuation, and 12pm will be the championships.

Grace Christian Academy, Marianas High School, Saipan International School, Mount Carmel School, Saipan Southern High School, Agape Christian School, Kagman High School, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos High School, and Tinian High School will all vie for



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Saipan Southern High School and Marianas High School square off in last school year's interscholastic boys volleyball season with MHS taking the championship for SY 2021-2022.

the junior varsity and junior varsity championships.

The four games played last night were Saipan Southern High School vs. Marianas High School junior varsity

team, Kagman High School vs. Mount Carmel School junior varsity team, SSHS vs. Grace Christian Academy varsity team, and Marianas High School vs. Saipan International

School varsity team.

The co-ed elementary soccer is under the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association or NMIFA, the all schools cross country is under the Northern

Marianas Athletics or NMA, and the girls high school volleyball is under the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association or NMIVA.

The Public School Sys-

tem Athletic Program is once again helping coordinate all school sports this school year.

The results of the games will be published in the next issues of *Saipan Tribune*.

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tem Vassiliev in beating Norrie and Devon Sgubin in the first round of the Auckland 18U ITF Summer Championships in 2010.

Meanwhile, Heo said he is done playing competitive

tennis, but still plays recreationally.

"I haven't competed in a long time. I had wrist surgery after my college career and took a break and since then, I've just been playing every now and then. It's also a bit harder to play now that I have a 1-year-old daughter," the Marianas High School student

graduate said.

Besides his family, Heo is also busy with work, as he runs and founded a startup company called TESBROS that specializes in helping Tesla owners customize, protect, and maintain their Tesla vehicles.

Heo is grateful to the sport of tennis and his coaches and teammates for helping him

compete in high-level tournaments and finish school. He is also pleased that despite the pandemic, NMI's junior tennis program is still up and running.

NMI players are heading to Fiji this month for the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships, returning to the regional event for the first time since

2019 when tournaments were canceled due to the pandemic. Heo played in the same competition on many occasions and wished NMI players participating in the POJC good luck.

"Play your heart out. You're just as good as everyone else so play your heart out. Good luck to everyone!"

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had one double each.

In the first inning alone, seven runs were scored by Sufo for an early lead of 7-0. Sufo proceeded to dominate Aimeliik's pitcher as they pounded him with one hit after the other for five runs which included three home runs in the second inning, six runs in the third inning, and a whopping 15 runs in the fourth and last inning, for a final score of 33-9.

With this win, Sufo now has four wins and three losses, while Aimeliik can't just catch a break with two wins and seven losses.

Asahi 20, Ngaraard Redmen 11

In the second men's division game last Sunday, Asahi clobbered Ngaraard Redmen, 20-11, but not without a fight.

Redmen drew first blood but Asahi hit back with four runs to put themselves up 4-1. It was still anybody's game in the

next couple of innings but Redmen put up six more runs in the third inning for insurance.

However, it wasn't enough as Asahi came up with seven big ones in the next inning to put themselves up, 14-7.

Home runs sprung on both sides as they collected three each. From Asahi, Edgar Ito hit two home runs and had five RBIs and pitcher Dominic Hideo hit one himself and had four RBIs. Redmen's Paython Sakuna had two home runs and Mike Tomokane had one.

Asahi leveled its win-loss standings at 4-4, while Redmen dropped to 3-4.

Tokahao 13, Peleliu 7

Tokahao defeated Peleliu, 13-7 and is now at 5-3 in the leaderboard.

Peleliu is at four wins and four losses.

Tokahao made up for their big loss the week prior against Sufo and did their best to put off Peleliu to win the game.

It was a slow start for Tokahao and Peleliu led the way with six runs in the first inning,

but after putting up goose eggs in the next four innings, Tokahao caught up really quick.

By the end of the third inning, Tokahao took over the lead, 7-6, and by the last inning, Peleliu could only score one more run to lose the game, 13-7.

Manny Villagomez, Robert Bansil, and Bruce Norita each had a home run for Tokahao

Hagu La'mun 13, Momma Charo 8

Hagu La'mun kept their momentum from the week prior to win once more against Momma Charo.

With this win, Hagu La'mun is at 5-3 in the leaderboard, and Momma Charo is down in the dumps with a 3-6 record.

Momma Charo put up a good but losing fight when they could only score in three of the seven innings played, while Hagu La'mun was hitting left and right in six innings out of the seven.

Hagu La'mun's

Eric Tudela, Glenn Camacho,

and Deshawn Reign had one home run apiece, with Camacho leading the team with three RBIs.

Man Amigos 15, Salty Boys 2

The Salty Boys can't seem to catch a break as they once again lost to Man Amigos to put them at 0-9 in the rankings, while Man Amigos continued their hot streak at 8-1 atop the leaderboard.

Man Amigos did not squander any innings, putting up

five runs in three of the four innings of the run-ruled game, while Salty Boys weren't able to score any more than the two runs they made.

Eric Palacios was once again the star batter of the game, putting up one home run, and batting in four runners. Peter Sablan was right behind him, shooting one home run and bringing in two runners.

The Salty Boys' only two runs were made by Will Ropeasa and a solo home run by Mike Techur.

NICKOLE

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fighter.

"That just means the world to me when he said that," he said. "Especially coming from a professional fighter."

He also mentions the different mindset between his 5-year-old daughter and her other 7-year-old opponents.

"It's the fire that lit under feet," said Salem, as he goes

to mention their different motor abilities and development.

As of late Nickole was elevated to gray belt and battled in the NewBreed Tournament in Charlotte, Northern Carolina under the development division at 45 lbs.

"Her potential is too high," said Salem.

"But at the end of the day, we are not too worried because she constantly improves her techniques and skills," he added.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	81	54	.600	
Tampa Bay	75	58	.564	5
Toronto	75	59	.560	5½
Baltimore	71	64	.526	10
Boston	67	69	.493	14½

Central Division

Cleveland	69	64	.519	
Minnesota	68	65	.511	1
Chicago	68	67	.504	2
Kansas City	55	81	.404	15½
Detroit	51	84	.378	19

West Division

Houston	87	48	.644	
Seattle	76	59	.563	11
Los Angeles	59	76	.437	28
Texas	58	76	.433	28½
Oakland	50	85	.370	37

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	85	50	.630	
Atlanta	84	51	.622	1
Philadelphia	73	61	.545	11½
Miami	55	78	.414	29
Washington	48	87	.356	37

Central Division

St. Louis	79	56	.585	
Milwaukee	71	63	.530	7½
Chicago	56	78	.418	22½
Cincinnati	53	79	.402	24½
Pittsburgh	49	84	.368	29

West Division

Los Angeles	92	42	.687	
San Diego	74	62	.544	19
San Francisco	65	68	.489	26½
Arizona	65	69	.485	27
Colorado	57	79	.419	36

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Former NMI top jr. player recalls game vs Kygrios

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Action in the U.S. Open is underway with Nick Kygrios of Australia pulling off the biggest upset in the men's singles play following his 7-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over dethroned champion Daniil Medvedev of Russia yesterday in New York.

The celebrated Aussie is now in the quarterfinals and will be battling another Russian in Karen Khachanov for a spot in the Final Four. Kygrios, like a majority of tennis players in the world, used to compete in the ITF Juniors before joining the pro ranks and did you know that he once played against the NMI's former top junior player, Ji Hoon Heo?

Kygrios and Heo crossed paths in the Air Pacific South

Pacific Open Junior Championships held in Fiji in 2010 and they met in the doubles finals. Heo was with New Zealand's Alex Hamilton and they swept Kygrios and his Australian teammate Andrew Zedde in the championship game, 6-4, 6-4.

"Hamilton and I played very well together and we were able to beat them in straight sets. It's probably one of the best doubles we played. I remember it being super high-energy doubles. We were all pretty pumped up throughout the whole match. A lot of 'come ons' and 'let's go' throughout the match," said Heo, who went on to suit up for Morehead State University in NCAA Division I after completing his junior career in the NMI.

The 31-year-old, who is now based in Chattanooga, Tennessee, also had a chance to challenge Great Britain's No. 1 player Cameron Norrie in a junior competition. Norrie, who is originally from New Zealand, played in the U.S. Open, too and made it to the fourth round before losing to Russia's Andrey Rublev.

"I don't remember Cam's match as much as Nick's, but I do remember hanging out with him and other NZ players. He is a very easy-to-get-along kind of guy," said Heo, who teamed up with NZ's Ar-

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NMI's former No. 1 junior tennis player Ji Hoon Heo once played Nick Kygrios of Australia in an ITF Junior tourney.

Nickole Salem tops Pan Kids Jiu-Jitsu Championship '22

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Nickole Salem won the 49-lb girls division of the Pan Kids Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2022 last July.

The 5-year-old daughter of Nicko and Maria Salem



Salem



defeated a 7-year-old from North Carolina two times to win the coveted division championship.

Her gold medal in the Pan Kids Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2022 is her 23rd gold medal to date and her father, Saipan-born Nicko, couldn't be more proud of Nickole.

"I am just really proud of her advancement because her grit and determination is unmatched," he said. "Me and her mom are just really proud."

He also notes that an Ultimate Fighting Championship fighter attended the event and commented on the younger Salem's performance.

"She will be special one day," Nicko relayed the comment of the UFC

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Ji Hoon Heo, front row right, now runs TESBROS, a startup company based in Tennessee and specializes in helping Tesla owners customize, protect, and maintain Tesla vehicles.

Sufa wallops Aimeliik, 33-9

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Sufa welcomed September by run-ruling Aimeliik, 33-9, in the men's division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

Although the rain poured in the first couple of innings, it did not damper Sufa's offense and gave no chance to Aimeliik as they scored runs in every inning, with the plan for redemption far gone in just the first inning.

Aimeliik's offense was shut down early in the first inning when three out of four batters were silenced by Sufa pitcher Tom Camacho. Aimeliik managed to score three runs in the second inning and six runs in the third inning, but that was

all they could muster.

Sufa's bats, meanwhile, connected with six pitches that resulted in home runs—with two credited to Paul Salalila,

who also had the most RBIs in the game with six, and had one triple. Calvani Deleon Guerrero, Jun Salalila, Jude Dickson, and Pat Guerrero all hit a

home run each.

Jun Salalila along with Mel Sablan had two doubles each. Ben Mesa and Frank Hocog

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Sufa's first baseman catches the ball to put out an Aimeliik batter during the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at Dandan Softball Field.